



MSMEA MISSISSIPPI MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Elementary Division 2024-2025

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Dear Superintendents, Administrators, and Music Educators,

The Elementary Division of the Mississippi Music Educators Association (MSMEA) will be hosting our annual fall professional development for music educators in September. These workshops are designed to foster continuing teacher education and professional growth by providing new ideas, materials, and teaching strategies that may be implemented in the elementary music classroom.

Fall Workshop Locations and Dates

<u>NORTHERN WORKSHOP SITE</u> Wednesday, September 25, 2024 Grenada Upper Elementary School 500 Pender Dr. Grenada, MS 38901	<u>CENTRAL WORKSHOP SITE</u> Thursday, September 26, 2024 Pearl Community Center 2420 Old Brandon Rd. Pearl, MS 39208	<u>SOUTHERN WORKSHOP SITE</u> Friday, September 27, 2024 Pascagoula Performing Arts Center 2104 Tucker Avenue Gautier, MS 39553
<u>NORTHERN SITE CHAIR</u> Amy Killebrew Grenada Upper Elementary School akillebrew@grenadak12.com	<u>CENTRAL SITE CHAIR</u> Karen Berger Pearl Upper Elementary School kberger@pearlk12.com	<u>SOUTHERN SITE CHAIR</u> Haley Lane Dolan Gautier Elementary School hlane.music@gmail.com

Registration Fees

- \$45 - NafME member early registration (postmarked by August 30, 2023)
- \$75 - Non-member registration
- \$75 - NafME member late or on-site registration
- \$20 - Full-time undergraduate college student

Registration for the workshop is \$45.00 for MMEA members, \$75.00 for non-members; and \$20.00 for college students. Late and on-site registration will be \$75. Lunch will be on your own. Teachers and college students may complete the registration form and return it to the chairperson of the site workshop they are planning to attend. The deadline for pre-registration is August 30, 2023. Checks, money orders, or purchase orders should be made payable to MMEA. Payments are to be mailed to the address on the registration form. CEUs will also be offered for each workshop site. Teachers signing up for CEU's must attend the entire workshop to receive credit.

School administrators, please consider the fall workshop an opportunity for professional development for your music teacher(s). If the school district can provide membership fees, registration fees, and/or a professional day for your teachers, this workshop will be a worthwhile use of time and money. Please make plans for your music instructor(s) to attend. If there are any questions concerning this workshop, you may contact me at tab.keeton@gmail.com.

NAfME Membership

The Mississippi Music Educators Association is affiliated with the National Association for Music Educators (NAfME) and all music teachers are encouraged to support their professional organization. Music educators can join NAfME at <https://nafme.org/membership/join/>. Membership is \$130.00 annually.

MMEA/ACDA State Conference

This year the MMES/ACDA state conference will be held on the campus of USM in Hattiesburg, MS January 23-25, 2025. CUEs will be available on-site. We encourage music educators from all over the state of Mississippi to join us for this event.

Information for students who are interested in auditioning for the MS All-State Honor Choir auditions can be found on the MSMEA website at <https://www.msmea.org/elementary-all-state-honor-choir>. MSMEA *requires* music teachers who have students who are selected to participate in the MS All-State Honor Choir to attend the state conference and accompany their students.

Musically yours,



Tab Ash Keeton 

MSMEA WEBMASTER &
ELEMENTARY DIVISION PRESIDENT

