



South Carolina
Music Educators
Association

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"SCMEA ... We Bring Music to Life!"

A Federated State Association of NAfME: The National Association for Music Education

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Dear Administrator:

The longstanding mission of the South Carolina Music Educators Association is to support and promote quality music education in South Carolina schools and communities. As we work together to develop a well-rounded student through a comprehensive education, we continue to be committed to providing professional development opportunities for our members that will help them grow as educators. With the teacher shortage growing each year, this content-specific professional development has become more critical than ever to support and energize our music educators, from the first-year teacher to the seasoned veteran.

Each year, the SCMEA hosts a Professional Development Conference in Columbia. We encourage all of our members to participate in this professional development opportunity and join each member in requesting your approval for their attendance at this conference on February 8-10, 2024. This SCMEA conference helps provide members with various professional development opportunities such as sessions, discussions, and networking with music educators from across South Carolina and the United States.

The 2024 conference includes sessions designed to help teachers with new and exciting curricula and methodologies, new and seasoned teacher support and survival skills, and promoting and enhancing future teacher education at the collegiate level as we look to the future of music education. We are also excited to present stellar performances by music ensembles from several South Carolina schools and the onsite return of our Elementary Honor Choir performance.

With so many of our music educators being the lone teacher in their content area, I know you are aware of how important professional development communities are to the growth and support of these teachers. Providing that support and an opportunity for teachers to attend these events shows your commitment to their growth and support for their programs. We appreciate all you do and the encouragement you provide your school's music programs!

Online conference registration is open now!

Registration fees are as follows: Active Members (Early - \$100/Onsite - \$160)

Thank you so much for your time and consideration in approving your music teachers to attend this wonderful professional development opportunity. We are so excited to have this in-person conference experience, allowing face-to-face conversations and "hands-on" training to advance the accessibility and growth of music education and keep our teachers on the cutting edge of training the musicians and music educators of tomorrow.

Respectfully,

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