

# NCMEA Western Region MPA Requirements | 2012

**Registration:** \$175 per group, \$200 combined group (more than 1 school combining together) –  
***Please make all checks payable to NCMEA. Checks must be postmarked no later than 02/04/12.***

- Directors must be current members of NCMEA and must show their current MENC card at registration. Without your MENC card, your group may not participate in this event.
- Applications must be submitted by the director and postmarked no later than February 04, 2012.
- All groups must have 12 or more members. *Directors may not perform with their group.*
- Youth orchestras are not eligible.
- No student may participate in more than one group.
- All groups perform two (2) compositions from the current VBODA list. One must be from the grade classification as registered by the director, and a second composition may be from the same classification or above. If the director chooses to perform a third composition, this may be of the director's choice. Every participating group, VBODA grades III-VI, will sight read per requirements listed separately under sight reading... *please read.*
- If your group is performing for *Comments Only*, any combination of ages and schools is acceptable.
- With the exception of accompanists, performers must not exceed the 12th grade.
- All directors are required to furnish three original scores of each composition to be performed. Each score must have every measure numbered. Photocopies are not allowed unless written verification from the publisher is included with the scores.
- Time limits:

Grade I-II	25 minutes	(includes set up and tuning)
Grade III-IV	35 minutes	
Grade V-VI	40 minutes	
- Each group may enter the warm-up area one event ahead of their performance time.
- Directors are responsible for providing a stage crew to assist in stage set-up.
- **Piano, 3 timpani, bass drum, chairs, stands, podium and orchestra shell will be furnished by UNC-Charlotte.**
- Any group arriving late will perform only at the discretion of the contest chair.
- **Each director will attend to the behavior of his/her students. Failure to stop disruptive behavior will result in the group being asked to leave the site and not being able to participate again.**
- Groups are encouraged to stay and listen to other schools perform.
- Directors and students are reminded that no one is to leave, or enter, the performance area during another group's performance. *Please remind your students of proper concert etiquette.*
- Directors must adhere to Article VI of the NCMEA Orchestra Section Handbook, entitled "Director's Responsibilities for all NCMEA Sponsored Activities."

**The schedule will be e-mailed and posted on this website by March 1, 2012  
so that you can make final transportation plans.  
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