



North Carolina Music Educators Association
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Dear Administrator:

The mission of the North Carolina Music Educators Association (NCMEA) is to advance music education by promoting the understanding and making of music by all. The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) recognizes music as an essential component of a well-rounded education. To support this mandate, NCMEA is committed to providing high-quality professional development to help all our music educators thrive.

We warmly invite your music teacher to attend our annual **NCMEA Professional Development Conference** in Winston-Salem, **November 7–10, 2026**.

How This Experience Supports Your Music Educator:

- **Targeted Music Instruction:** Sessions focus on practical teaching techniques designed to deepen understanding and execution of the North Carolina Essential Standards for Music Education.
- **Essential PLC Networking:** For teachers who are often the only music educator in their building, this conference provides a crucial Professional Learning Community to collaborate, solve challenges, and share best practices with peers statewide.
- **Mentoring for Early-Career Teachers:** New teachers (years 1-5) are invited to collaborate with experienced mentors at our special **Mentoring Program Breakfast** on Sunday, November 8, 2026. Contact Matthew Edwards at mentoring_program@ncmea.net for more information.

[Online conference registration](#) is open now. Registration fees are as follows:

- **Active Members:** \$150 (Early)/ \$175 (Onsite)
- **Introductory Members (First-year teachers):** \$75 (Early)/ \$85 (Onsite)

By approving your music teacher's attendance—and assisting with registration, travel, or lodging costs where possible—you are making a direct investment in the vibrant music culture of your school. This underscores your commitment to innovative, high-quality instruction for your students.

Thanks so much for your time, your leadership, and your ongoing support of your school's music program!

Warm regards,

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