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Music Educators of Bergen County, Inc. announces auditions for the 2024/2025 Bergen County High School Chorus and Band. The Bergen County Chorus and Band have consistently displayed a high standard of musical excellence and have been an important annual event for many of the county's outstanding student musicians.

2024/2025 Bergen County Band and Chorus Festival Staff: Theodora Sotiropoulos and Tom Voorhis, Festival Coordinators

2024/2025 Bergen County Chorus
Nicole Doyle, East Brook Middle School, Conductor
Anna Lilikas, Glen Rock HS, Manager
Hannah Park, Fort Lee HS
Lynn Morneweck-Fuld, Mahwah HS,
Kyle Bennett, Dumont HS, Audition Chairs

2024/2025 Bergen County Band Frank Ortega, Saddle Brook HS, Conductor James Chawalyk, Manager Amy Wilcox, Northern Valley Regional HS-O.T., Audition Chair

Please be aware of our attendance policy for students who successfully audition for the ensembles. No absences of any kind will be allowed for any reason. Any absence will result in immediate removal from the ensemble. Please be sure to check your schedule <u>before</u> applying to avoid uncomfortable and unnecessary situations.

As usual, the Band and Chorus Auditions will be held separately. Chorus Auditions will take place on Tuesday, October 29, 2024. Band Auditions will be on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. Both auditions will take place at 4:15PM at Mahwah High School with a directors meeting at 3:45pm. Please check the Director and Student Audition information for submission deadlines.

Directors <u>must</u> complete and submit the online Director Application Form, and then print it out for signature. Students must complete and submit the online Student Application Form, and then print it out. The application endorsements must then be signed appropriately. Both the Director Application and the Student Endorsements should be SCANNED and EMAILED to the Audition Chair. In addition, both the Director Application and the Student Endorsements accompanied by the appropriate audition fees should then be MAILED to the Audition Chair by Certified Mail in one package. Certified mail guarantees that the audition coordinator received applications. Specific instructions will be available when you submit the Director Application online.

Students should not submit applications online more than one time (for each audition). Please have all pertinent information – voice part, instrument, director info, etc. – and a working printer connected to your computer before submitting an application. By adhering to the above procedures, you, the audition chairs and the coordinator will avoid being placed in difficult situations.

Students in your Music Department who wish to participate in both ensembles may do so. Students auditioning for both must be aware of the responsibilities and schedules of both ensembles. If a student chooses to audition for both ensembles and is selected for both, the student must participate fully in both ensembles. Failure to participate fully will result in the student being dropped from both groups. Please advise your students to apply/audition for the ensemble(s) best suited for them.

If you have any questions, you may contact: Amy Wilcox (Band Auditions Chair) at 201-768-3200 ext. 24550 or <u>wilcox@nvnet.org</u> Lynn Morneweck-Fuld (Choral Auditions Chair) at 201-762-2300, ext. 7248 or <u>Imorneweck@mahwah.k12.nj.us</u> Theodora Sotiropoulos (Festival Co-Coordinator) at 201-320-7232 or tsotir61@gmail.co

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Please download information and complete online forms as needed.