



**Missouri Music Educators Association**  
*A Federated Affiliate of the National Association for Music Education*

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Memo to: Missouri School Leaders

Eleven years ago, the Missouri Music Educators Association established a mentoring program for first-year music teachers. For the past four years MMEA has sponsored a two-day conference focused on assisting teachers in the initial months of their career. Feedback from participants indicate that this conference has demonstrably improved the retention rates of young music educators in Missouri. MMEA Mentoring program has also garnered recognition from the National Association for Music Education because of its success and inspiring opportunities for young teachers.

MMEA will again provide this valuable resource to first year teachers at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center on Sunday, September 29 and Monday, September 30, 2019. Registration, resources, and meals for the MMEA Mentoring Conference will be provided **FREE OF CHARGE**. The only expense incurred by attendees or school districts is lodging for one night. As an alternative for those in the St. Louis and Kansas City metropolitan areas, a one-day conference will be available completely free of charge at UMKC, Kansas City (Monday, October 7) and Lindenwood University, St. Louis (Sunday, August 4).

Conference Goals/Topics:

- \* The inclusive classroom
- \* Establish meaningful and ongoing mentor/mentee relationship
- \* Classroom management and conflict resolution in the music classroom
- \* Organization and administration of the music classroom
- \* Building and maintaining a successful K–12 music program
- \* School budgeting and business management for the music educator
- \* Effective communication with students, administrators, parents and district patrons
- \* Networking with successful music educators to develop resources for ideas, techniques and literature
- \* MSHSAA Rules and Guidelines for Music Activities led by Davine Davis, Asst. Exec Director

MMEA strives to support young teachers in the first months of their careers and provide practical solutions to problems young teachers face. The rate of attrition for first year educators nationally is stubbornly high. Studies have shown that one successful remedy is participation in a successful mentoring program. Registration is easy. Use the QR code below.



Thank you for joining with MMEA to support new music educators in Missouri.

Sincerely,

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