

## **VMEA Home School Policy Statement**

Students that attend home schools may participate in **VMEA (VBODA, VCDA, VEMEA, and Guitar)** events using the following guidelines for eligibility.

1. **Solo and Ensemble** – All students may participate in this event. Home school students who do not participate in a home school ensemble may participate in Solo & Ensemble Event if their respective home school principal registers them through a VMEA-member director from a participating school. This would be contingent on approval of the school district and agreement of the director.
2. **District Assessment** – Home schools with a band, orchestra, choral program or guitar may participate in district assessments after they are vetted and on the approved home school list. All students must be home schooled students and regular performing members of that organization.
3. **All District, Regional, and All-Virginia Events** – Only those students who participate in a home school band, orchestra, choral program or guitar on a regular basis are eligible to audition for these events. The home school ensemble must be on the approved vetted list.

**All other VMEA (VBODA, VCDA, VEMEA, and Guitar) requirements for eligibility and participation apply for each stated event.**

### **VMEA Home School Ensemble Vetting Process**

1. Application for registration submitted by August 1.
2. Home Schools must provide the following:
  - a. Proof of current NAFME Membership.
  - b. Proof of paid VBODA Program Fee for VBODA events only.
  - c. Entire rehearsal & performance schedule for upcoming year with locations of each included.
  - d. Proof of parent letter requesting student to be excused from compulsory state education.
  - e. Proof of school division letter excusing student from compulsory state education.
  - f. Proof of liability insurance for participation in all VMEA events.
  - g. Home School Director Commitment form signed by director requiring director to be present all district/regional meetings and all events that their homeschool students are attending.
3. All home-school ensembles who meet the above criteria will be notified of approval to participate in VMEA events for the following school year by the end of August.
4. List of approved home school ensembles will be sent to the 4 SRO's and all 16 district representatives by the end of August.
5. Registrations for any VMEA/VBODA/VCDA/Guitar auditions or events will only be accepted for home-school ensembles that are on the approved list.

