



TMEA Region and Area Realignment Underway

In the spring of 2014, the TMEA Executive Board and staff initiated a comprehensive review and reformulation of our Region/Area alignment that went into effect in the fall of 2016. Four new Regions and one new Area were created and a defined commitment to geographic Area centers was made. Also, a renewed emphasis was placed on the accurate submission and final tracking of online audition entry data. In addition, the TMEA Executive Board committed to reviewing the Region/Area alignment and resulting All-State apportionment data every two years. That time is upon us yet again.

In the spring of 2018, the TMEA Executive Board revisited the Region/Area alignment and All-State apportionment numbers and made minor adjustments in alignment and apportionment. We now have four years of audition entry data for comparison purposes and UIL's biennial enrollment and classification report. The timeline for this alignment review is outlined below. The two State Board meetings, Region and Area Chair luncheons, and the Region meetings during our convention will provide opportunities for information and member feedback.

Final revisions to the proposed alignment and All-State apportionment will need to be approved and adopted by the TMEA Executive Board no later than mid-April so that important agenda items like the election of Region officers and the selection of Region sites and dates may be conducted at the spring Region meetings. Also, note that the deadline for Region variance requests or waivers is still August 1.

Preliminary Timetable for Region/Area Alignment and Apportionment

The following is the schedule for the next review and adoption of our Region/Area alignment:

December 2019: UIL released biennial enrollment/classification data.

January 2020: TMEA Executive Board Meeting. TMEA Executive Board and staff review the two-year audition data and the Board proposes the TMEA Region/Area alignment and All-State apportionment for the next biennial audition cycle. The proposed plan is published on the TMEA website prior to the convention and sent to the TMEA State Board for member review and feedback.

February 2020: TMEA convention. State Board meetings, Region Chair luncheons, and Region meetings will offer opportunities for feedback and discussion from TMEA State Board and general membership regarding the proposal. More than before, enrollment and program participation data by district and high school campus will be available through the Region/Area alignment map on our website.

March 2020: TMEA Executive Board Meeting. Based on feedback and input from the membership and staff, the TMEA Executive Board finalizes and adopts the revised proposal.

April/May 2020: Spring Region Meetings. The adopted plan is published on the TMEA website by mid-April and sent to the TMEA State Board for the spring Region meetings. Members attend their spring Region meetings based on the adopted TMEA Region/Area Alignment.

July 2020: TMEA State Board Training and Summer Conventions. The TMEA Region/Area alignment and All-State apportionment plan approved for the next biennial audition cycle is reviewed at the summer training for TMEA State Board and membership as needed.

August 1, 2020: Deadline for variances and waiver submissions to the TMEA office.

Get Involved

After a new alignment is in place, members often indicate they didn't know about it or they weren't consulted about the possible outcomes of such actions. I encourage you to become involved today. It is appropriate to share your thoughts now with your division's State Chair, raising issues that may need addressing. I assure you the staff and Executive Board review all input received.

You can contact your Division's State Chair at the following email address to provide your feedback:

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