

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hello, Mississippi music teachers! We hope that you all had a restful winter break, a lovely Christmas & New Year. We hope you are ready to finish the 2025-2026 school year strong!

2026-2028 ELEMENTARY DIVISION LEADERSHIP

Karen Berger has been elected as the President-Elect of the Elementary Division of MMEA. She will serve as the President-Elect from 2026-2028, Active President from 2028-2030, and Past President from 2030-2032.

She currently teaches 4th and 5th grade music at Pearl Upper Elementary and directs a 5th grade choir of 32 students. She has taught music in the Pearl Public School District for 17 years and has worked with students from preschool through fifth grade at various times throughout her career.



She earned a Bachelor of Music Education in 2004 (MSU) and a Master of Music Education in 2009 (MC). She completed Level I Orff training in Memphis and has been a National Board Certified teacher since 2011. She has also served as an MMEA site chair as well as a supervising/mentor teacher for student teachers from both MC and USM.

Karen was honored to be chosen as the Robert Sims Outstanding Music Educator at the MMEA/ACDA Conference in January 2024. She looks forward to being the MMEA Elementary division president-elect and representing fellow elementary music educators of Mississippi.

WORKSHOP 2026-2027

The Elementary Division workshop for the 2026-2027 school year will take place in the spring of 2027 and will be a teacher-share workshop. The elementary division will be alternating between teacher-share workshops and guest clinician-led workshops every other year.

Please consider signing up to share something useful and fun for the Elementary Division Workshop during Spring 2027.

SAVE THE DATE!

MMEA/ACDA STATE CONFERENCE - FALL 2026

State Conference will be held November 19-21, 2026 at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE MUSIC FOUNDATION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, JSU DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC
AND THE MISSISSIPPI ORFF #100 CHAPTER
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THE FOUR ARTISTIC PROCESSES

CREATING, PERFORMING, RESPONDING, & CONNECTING



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FEATURING MY HEART
SPEAKS KRIOLU BY STEFANIE
FOSTER BROWN

CEU'S AVAILABLE



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REGISTER TODAY

FOR MUSIC EDUCATORS AND
PRE-SERVICE MUSIC TEACHERS
7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
F.D. HALL MUSIC CENTER ROOM 205

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT DR. RAMON JACKSON
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NOW'S THE TIME JAZZ & ORFF SCHULWERK

SAT, MARCH 28, 2026

9 AM - 1:30 PM

Jackson State University
F.D. Hall Music Center Art Gallery

CEU'S AVAILABLE

JSU JACKSON
1877 STATE
UNIVERSITY*



REGISTER TODAY

WORKSHOP FEES

\$40 Non AOSA Members

\$20 AOSA Members

\$5 UG Students with School ID



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MSMEA WEBMASTER &
ELEMENTARY DIVISION PRESIDENT



Keep your focus

Be Inspirational

Be Noteworthy

DO STUFF!