

Dear Administrator:

The Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE) will hold its National Music Education Conference in Chicago, Illinois March 13 - 17, 2024. Meetings and choir rehearsals are also held in the preceding days.

I am very pleased to inform you that student(s) from your school have been selected to participate in one of the OAKE National Conference honor choirs. This is a tremendous honor for your student(s), your music/choir director, your school and community. Singers auditioned from schools across the nation and are an integral part of our conference. A nationally recognized conductor will conduct each choir and many singers consider this an important milestone in their development.

This year's 50th Anniversary concerts will be held in Orchestra Hall, home of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. We're excited for OAKE singers to perform in this amazing place and feel what it's like to look out from a world-class stage! We know for many, it will not be the last time.

The singers will need to be at the conference site from the opening rehearsal Wednesday afternoon through the culminating performance Saturday. They will have a very intense rehearsal schedule and I know this will be a memorable educational and artistic experience for each singer.

Please accept this letter as a request for excused absences for participating singers on the days they will be participating in the prestigious OAKE National Conference Choir.

Thank you very much for your support of quality music education for all children.

Sincerely,

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