

WMEA State Music Conference 2026 – Schedule-at-a-Glance

Tentative Schedule – changes in session, location, or time are possible prior to the Conference

Sunday 1/18 1:00 PM Executive Board Meeting – Cody High School Library 2:00 – 6:00 PM Conference Registration – Cody High School Lobby 7:00 PM Opening Night Concert – Cody High School Auditorium					
Monday 1/19					
BAND	CHOIR	STRINGS	ELEMENTARY	COLL/TECH	JAZZ
Monday 8:15- 9:15 AM Clinic Sessions					
Michael Broyles Band Interest Session <i>Michael Broyles</i> Room 131	Dr. Stevie Hirner We're Voice Teachers Too! Science-Informed Choral Pedagogy Library	Dr. Charles Laux Automate and Motivate 21st-Century String Players With Instructional Technology Choir Room	David Row Puppet Power- Bring Your Classroom to Life! Cafeteria	Dr. Blair Williams "Come On In, The Water's Fine!" Preparing for Your Student Teaching Experience Room 115	Dr. Daniel Jonas A Beginner's Guide to the Jazz Rhythm Section for Educators Room 113/114
Monday 9:30 AM - Keynote Address Keynote Speaker : Dr. Frank Tracz - Kansas State University Room: Stock Athletic Facility					
Monday 10:45- 11:45 AM Clinic Sessions					
Dr. Frank Tracz Organize to Optimize: Lessons for Those in the Trenches Room 131	Dr. Brandon Boyd Building Musicianship: Repertoire Using Solfege and Takadimi Library	Dr. Charles Laux Improve the Intonation of Your String Students Through Sight, Sound, & Touch Choir Room	David Row Sing, Dance, Create: An Introduction to Orff Schulwerk Cafeteria	Will Flagg Live Sound Crash Course 1: Gain Staging and Routing Room 115	WJE Vocal Jazz Reading Session Room 113/114
11:45 AM Elementary Luncheon – Chinatown Buffet					
Monday 1:15 – 2:15 PM Clinic Sessions					
Band Reading Session Stock Athletic Facility	Beth Kean The ABC's of Do-Re-Mi: Steps to Successful Sightreading Library	Dr. Blair Williams Recruitment and Retention: Demystifying Strings for Students, Families, Communities Choir Room	EXHIBITS	Dr. Crystal Sieger Focus on Rural Music Education for Preservice Music Teachers Room 115	Dr. Daniel Jonas I've Got Rhythm - A Rhythmic Approach to Teaching Improvisation Room 113/114
Monday 2:30 – 3:30 PM Clinic Sessions					
Dr. Frank Tracz Building a Quality Program. The Right Way! Room 131	Dr. Brandon Boyd A Conducting Tune-Up: Gesture Meets Musicality Library	Dr. Charles Laux String Orchestra Reading Session Choir Room	Thomas Wilson The Songwriting Project Cafeteria	Will Flagg Recording Crash Course 1 :Getting Started with Interfaces and DAWs Room 115	Chad Rose Small School, Big Impact Room 113/114
Monday 3:45 – 4:45 PM Clinic Sessions					
Dr. Tobin Stewart Resonant Feedback: Inspiring Growth and Shaping Sound Room 131	Dr. Susan Volbrecht Circlesinging: A Vocal Playground Library	EXHIBITS	David Row Tuneful Tooting: Teaching Recorder Without Losing Your Mind Cafeteria	Michael Jaycox The Next Verse: A Conversation with WMEA Mentors and Mentees Room 115	Brian Redmond JSL - Learning Jazz as a Second Language Room 113/114
6:00 PM UW Reception 7:00 PM – WMEA Banquet at the Cody Cattle Company					

TUESDAY 1/20

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BAND	CHOIR	STRINGS	ELEMENTARY	COLL/TECH	IN-OVATIONS
Tuesday 8:15 – 9:15 AM Clinic Sessions					
Dr. Frank Tracz Score Study- Plan, Process, Practice, Performance <i>Room 131</i>	EXHIBITS	Dr. Blair Williams Analyzing String Instrument Playing Skills to Improve Repertoire Selection <i>Choir Room</i>	David Row Divide and Conquer: Utilizing Learning Centers in the Elementary Music Classroom <i>Cafeteria</i>	Eric Hageman Put some Pop into your Improv <i>Room 115</i>	Dr. Daniel Jonas Improvisation Doesn't Just Mean Jazz: Teaching Improv in Other Contexts <i>Room 113/114</i>
Tuesday 9:30 – 10:30 AM Clinic Sessions					
Dr. Frank Tracz Developing Student Leaders <i>Room 131</i>	Dr. Brandon Boyd A Reading Session: Tunes That Stick, Text That Speaks <i>Library</i>	Dr. Charles Laux Assessment Practices for the 21st-Century String Classroom <i>Choir Room</i>	David Row Leveling Up: Creative Strategies for Upper Elementary Music <i>Cafeteria</i>	EXHIBITS	Dr. Daniel Jonas The Importance, Challenges, & Rewards of Creating a Small Jazz Combo <i>Room 113/114</i>
Tuesday 10:45 – 11:45 AM Clinic Sessions					
EXHIBITS	Dr. Brandon Boyd Deep River: The American Spiritual in Context and Practice <i>Library</i>	Dr. Charles Laux We Tell Our Students to Go Home and Practice, But Do They Know How? <i>Choir Room</i>	Jennifer Kessler Planning in the Elementary Music Room <i>Cafeteria</i>	Will Flagg Live Sound Crash Course 1: Gainstaging and Bussing <i>Room 115</i>	WJE Jazz Reading Session <i>Stock Athletic Facility</i>
LUNCH BREAK 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM					
Tuesday 1:15 – 2:15 PM Clinic Sessions					
Dr. Tobin Stewart The Attuned Conductor: Knowing Yourself, Empowering Others <i>Room 131</i>	Dr. Brian Murray ACDA Reading Session <i>Library</i>	Dr. Tiger Robison String Bass Knowhow: A Practical Workshop <i>Choir Room</i>	Thomas Wilson Folk Dancing Sharing Session <i>Cafeteria</i>	Andrew Salzman The Art of Looking Prepared: Stealable Sub Plans for Surviving Sick Days <i>Room 115</i>	Dr. Matthew Schlomer Cody to Carnegie: Teaching Top Talents in Small Schools <i>Room 113/114</i>
Tuesday 2:30 – 3:30 PM WMEA GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Stock Athletic Facility Featured Performance: The Powell Kids Chorus					
Tuesday 3:45 – 4:30 PM DISTRICT MEETINGS <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>North Big Horn – 115</div> <div>Northeast – Cafeteria</div> <div>North Platte – 107 (Choir Room)</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>South Big Horn – 131</div> <div>Southeast – Library</div> <div>Southwest – 113/114</div> </div>					
Tuesday 7:00 PM All-State GALA CONCERT – Cody High School Gymnasium <i>Orchestra – Choir – Band</i> Conference Badge or Ticket (\$5.00) Required					

