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## **New Hampshire Youth Wind Ensemble – FAQs**

1. What is the NH Youth Wind Ensemble?

NHYWE is an ensemble made up of students from around the state of New Hampshire who come together and rehearse weekly at the Manchester Community Music School in Manchester, NH. They perform in a variety of concerts and civic events.

2. When does the ensemble rehearse?

The ensemble rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm at the Manchester Community Music School 2291 Elm Street, Manchester, NH. Dress rehearsals are also required prior to concerts and performances and will be scheduled accordingly.

3. Does it cost anything to participate?/ Is financial aid available?

All students must pay a tuition fee to be part of any of the ensembles here at MCMS.

That being said, the Music School is committed to making music education accessible to all, regardless of ability to pay. We are proud to offer need-based tuition assistance to qualifying students. The tuition assistance form can be found on our website at [mcmusicschool.org](http://mcmusicschool.org).

5. Do you have to take private lessons to participate?

While private lessons are always encouraged, it is not necessary that you are taking private lessons in order to participate.

6. Do you have to audition to get into the ensemble?

Auditions to gain entrance into this ensemble are NOT required. However, you should be able to perform music at a level of four or higher.

7. What's a seat placement audition?

Seat placement auditions will allow the director to assess your overall ability and place you on parts suitable to your musical level. Many times, the ensemble rotates parts based on which piece is being rehearsed encouraging all students to be able to perform first, second, and/or third parts accordingly.

8. What kinds of students participate in the ensemble?

The ensemble is made up of students from around the state of NH. Some students perform at an All State level, other students are just looking for another outlet to rehearse and perform music. We are looking for motivated and committed students who are punctual, hard working, and enthusiastic about making and sharing music.

9. I play more than one instrument – can I perform on more than one instrument in this ensemble?

Ideally, we would like a student to focus on their main instrument. However, if instrumentation allows, doubling on other instruments will absolutely be taken into consideration.

10. When does the ensemble perform?

There are typically three concerts a year that take place in December (holiday concert), the end of January (winter concert), and the end of May (spring concert). However, depending on time allowances, the ensemble may also perform at other events.

11. What kind of music does the ensemble perform?

The ensemble rehearses music from a variety of genres, but focuses greatly on wind band standards as well as high quality literature from renowned composers. Marches and contemporary music are also rehearsed and performed.

12. Does the ensemble travel?

Travel depends on the year and what opportunities are available. For the 2015-2016 school year, the ensemble is looking to travel domestically. Our goal is to travel abroad in two years.