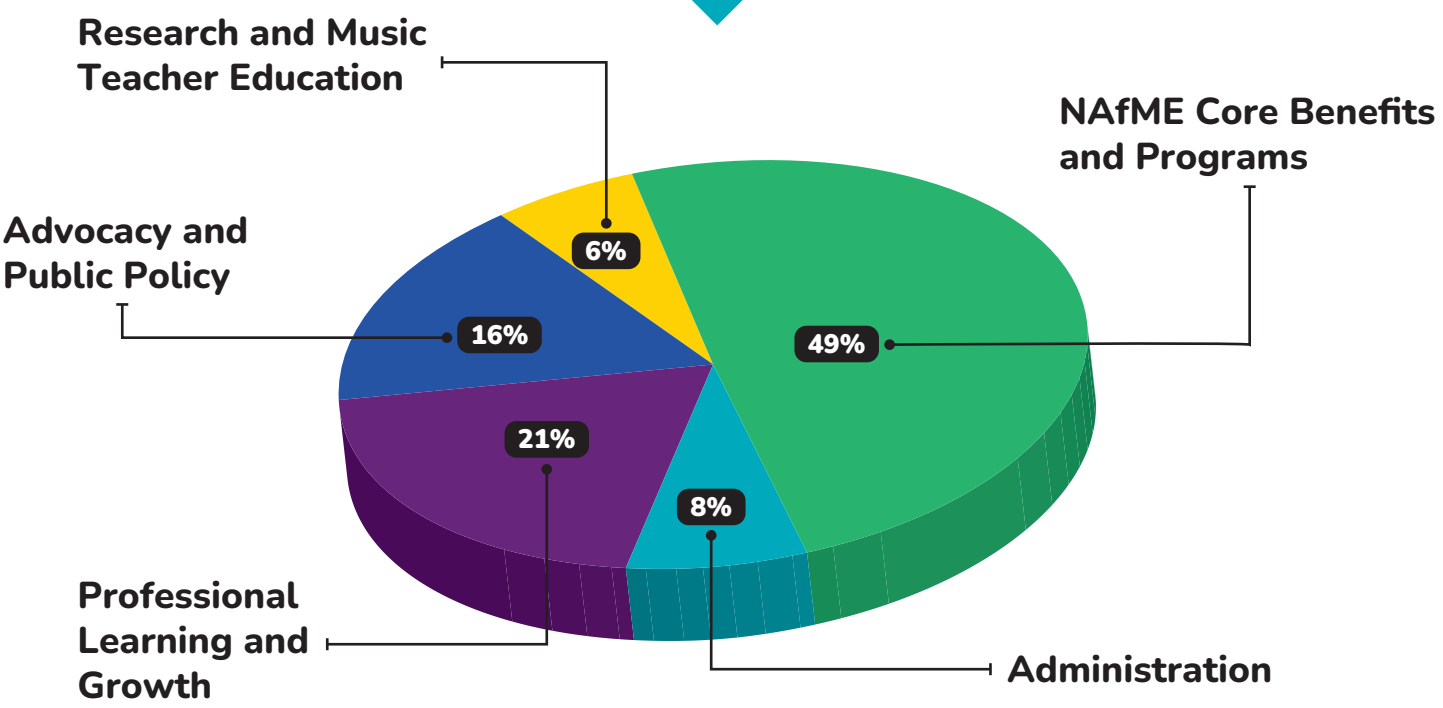
National Association for Music Education

Where Do My Dues Dollars Go?



In addition to NAfME Core Benefits and Programs, NAfME dues go to support the delivery of resources and programs aligned with the three cornerstones of the NAfME Strategic Plan:

- **Professional Learning and Growth**
- **Research and Music Teacher Education**
- **Advocacy and Public Policy**

All benefits and programming are buttressed by the Strategic Plan's keystone of Equity in Music Education and driven by *A Blueprint for Strengthening the Music Teacher Profession*.



For details about where your national dues support NAfME programs and resources that benefit music educators, see the next page.

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From a $105 national dues payment for active educator membership*:

$17 goes to activities related to Advocacy and Public Policy including:

- Federal lobbying on behalf of music educators and music education and resources to support music educators as advocates
- Participation in the Arts Education Partnership, Committee for Education Funding, Title IV-A Coalition, Coalition for Teaching Quality, the Music Is Education Coalition, the TeachMusic Coalition, and the SupportMusic Coalition
- Federal policy collaboration with 110+ organizations
- Spearheading the Arts Education Alliance, an advocacy coalition of all national arts educator organizations
- State representation and a national advocacy voice at Hill Day in Washington, DC
- Access to NAfME advocacy advice and assistance in support of music education at the state level, including state-level campaigns through Quorum
- Support for state music education association advocacy through the Advocacy Leadership Force, the Advocacy Leadership Initiative, and presentations from NAfME staff at state conferences
- Support for music educator recruitment and retention efforts through the Music Teacher Profession Advisory Committee
- Equity Resource Center and the Equity Leadership Institute

$22 goes to activities related to Professional Learning and Growth including:

- Access to the NAfME Learning Center professional learning platform, including the NAfME Academy with hundreds of hours of live and asynchronous online learning for professional development credit
- Professional learning content curated by Representative Councils, including Band Education, Choral Education, General Music, Music Education, Guitar Education, Innovations, Jazz Education, Music Composition, Orchestral Education, and Music Program Leaders, such as the General Music Education Virtual Conference and the Music Program Leaders Forum
- Access to five members-only peer-reviewed journals and *Teaching Music* magazine
- Participating in the National Coalition for Arts Standards and development of the next version of the National Music Standards
- Music Education Mentoring Initiative, Small Schools Initiative
- Professional learning collaborations with external partners including through national grant projects
- Exploring the implications, navigation, and implementation of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) on and in the music education profession

$6 goes to activities related to Research and Music Teacher Education, including:

- Support for the NAfME Society for Research in Music Education (SRME) and NAfME Society for Music Teacher Education (SMTE)
- Biennial NAfME Music Research and Teacher Education Conference and for the Society for Music Teacher Education Symposium
- Pursuing the goals of *A Blueprint for Strengthening the Music Teacher Profession* in support of recruitment, retention, and inclusion in the field of music education
- NAfME research grant opportunities for higher education music educators
- Sharing research to assist all music educators with advancing their knowledge and careers
- Celebrating accomplishments in the field
- The ability to present at any NAfME conferences (including higher education conferences) or state MEA conferences where NAfME membership is required
- Supporting the work of higher education members through research survey assistance, peer review, publication, and presentation opportunities

$8 goes to NAfME administration, including:

- Technology support for State Music Education Associations
- National and Division leadership elections

$52 goes to NAfME Core Benefits and Programs, including:

- Affiliation with the national professional association in music education and professional affiliation connection with music educators across the United States
- NAfME Connect online community to share ideas, expertise, and experiences
- Music education celebrations, public awareness, and resources for Music In Our Schools Month®
- State representation at annual NAfME National Leadership Assembly in Washington, DC
- Collegiate membership providing development of and support for future music educators
- Eligibility to serve as a NAfME Collegiate Chapter advisor
- Collegiate Leadership Advocacy Summit and Hill Day event in Washington, DC
- Eligibility for NAfME Collegiate awards and recognitions
- Tri-M® Music Honor Society participation, awards, and recognitions
- Opportunities for music educators to share their expertise with their peers through articles, webinars, and blogs
- Opportunity to co-publish books with NAfME and receive discounts on NAfME books
- NAfME Website with Resource Library to assist teachers at all teaching levels and areas
- Eligibility to run for office or vote in NAfME national elections
- Participation in NAfME Councils, committees, and task forces
- Access to the NAfME job center resources, NAfME Member Insurance Program, and special offers from NAfME corporate members
- Networking and knowledge sharing through NAfME divisional meetings
- Access to NAfME affiliate support services, such as compliance (including institutional copyright protection), membership processing, legal, marketing/communications, association management best practices, publications, and organizational development

* *NAfME national active member dues for 2025–2026 and 2026–2027 are $105. (State Music Education Association dues are separate and not included.) This list spotlights activities and initiatives in the 2025–2026 fiscal year. Percentages and dollar amounts presented here are based on expenditures in the 2025–2026 fiscal year. Information is subject to change.*

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