

NDACDA Conference 2026

*Red River High School Performance Hall
2211 - 17th Ave S, Grand Forks, ND
MUSC 2000, 1 Professional Development Credit*

Instructor:

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Description:

The North Dakota state chapter of the American Choral Directors Association provides opportunities for professional development through interest sessions, rehearsals and concerts. Participants will gain knowledge from the interest sessions, rehearsals and concert that will directly impact their teaching and enhance their student's choral experience.

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards:

The National Board for Professional Teaching Standards seeks to identify and recognize teachers who effectively enhance student learning and demonstrate the high level of knowledge, skills, abilities and commitments. This course aligns with numbers 4 and 5 of those standards.

4. *Teachers think systematically about their practice and learn from experience.*
5. *Teachers are members of learning communities.*

Objectives:

Students will:

- Read through new music
- Learn methods of teaching the music
- Learn rehearsal techniques specific to each piece
- Gather new rehearsal strategies

Topical Outline:

February 6 {8 hrs.}

Teachers - please have students eat lunch prior to arrival at RRHS

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. -	Register (Red River Performance Hall Lobby)
1:00 - 1:30 p.m. -	Teacher reconnect time or Watch Rehearsals (Rider Room)
1:30 - 2:45 p.m. -	Membership Meeting (Rider Room)
3:00 - 3:50 p.m. -	Session 1 - Equal Voice, Equal Value: Arranging that Empowers Every Section. (Ella Henry) Rider Room
4:00 - 4:30 p.m. -	Reading Session 1 or Watch Rehearsals (Rider Room)

4:30 -5:20 p.m. - Session 2 - Is a C Truly a C? (Kolbe Schanzenbach) (Rider Room)
 5:30 p.m. Dinner (SSIS MEETING 5:30) (Rider Room)
 7:30 p.m. Showcase Concert (Red River Performance Hall)

February 7 [7 hrs.]

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. - Teacher reconnect time or Watch Rehearsals (Rider Room)
 9:00 - 9:50 a.m. - Session 3 - S.W.A.R.M. Songs, Warmups, Rounds, & Movement Activities for You to Use; Tomorrow in Class (Henrietta Tracey) (Rider Room)
 10:00 - 10:50 a.m. - Session 4 - Dr. Whitney Mayo (Rider Room)
 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Breakout Discussions (Rider Room)
 11:30 a.m. - Lunch (Collegiate Lunch)
 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. - Reading Session 2 or Watch Rehearsals (Rider Room)
 1:30 - 2:20 p.m. - Session 5 - Allyse Dunnigan Teaching "The Anxious Generation" (Rider Room)
 3:00 p.m. - Final Concert (Red River Performance Hall)

Requirements:

To receive credit for this class you need to attend **15** hours of the reading and interest sessions. You will also need to submit your notes from each of the sessions that you attend. Notes should include your impressions of the session and how it will affect your teaching. **Your notes must be e-mailed to: charlette.moe@ndsu.edu by February 23, 2026.**

Evaluation Plan: S/U grading

S/Satisfactory	U/Unsatisfactory
<input type="checkbox"/> Attended all sessions both days <input type="checkbox"/> Submit notes from each of the sessions and include the impact these sessions had & how it will affect your teaching before deadline	<input type="checkbox"/> Did not fulfill the required 15 hours <input type="checkbox"/> Did not submit notes

Americans with Disabilities Act for Students with Special Needs Statement:

Any students with disabilities or other special needs, who need special accommodations in this course, are invited to share these concerns or requests with the instructor and contact the [Disability Services Office \(www.ndsu.edu/disabilityservices\)](http://www.ndsu.edu/disabilityservices) as soon as possible.

Approved Academic Honesty Statement:

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