

Oklahoma Small Schools Band Directors Association

August 15, 2021

Dear Director:

I hope this letter finds you at the start of a successful school year. I believe one of the greatest highlights of the 2021-22 school year will be the twenty-fifth annual Oklahoma 2A-3A-4A All State Band. This letter should contain all the information needed to register your students for the auditions. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call.

OSSBDA auditions will be on October 30, 2021, with only one round. The audition site will be at Tecumseh Middle School, which is located south of Shawnee. I will include a map in a future email. The list of audition material is enclosed. Students in grades 10-12 may audition. If you have students auditioning, you or another authorized school official must be present to help with auditions. Only directors may judge, but other persons may help as monitors.

OSSBDA All-State Jazz Band with auditions will be held concurrently with concert auditions. A student may audition for both OSSBDA All-State Organizations (Concert/Jazz), but must choose either Concert or Jazz if accepted in both. If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Auditioning for the 2A-3A-4A All State Band DOES NOT prevent a student from auditioning for the OMEA Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, or Choir. Students may audition for and participate in both OMEA and OSSBDA.

Note: National ACT testing dates DO NOT CONFLICT with the 2021 OSSBDA auditions.

Information to remember:

Deadline for on-line entries:	September 11, 2021
Audition date:	October 30, 2021
Audition site:	Tecumseh Middle School
School participation fee:	\$50.00 per school (\$75 if involved in both Concert & Jazz auditions)
Concert Band Audition fee:	\$10.00 per each instrument entry
Jazz Band Audition fee:	\$15.00 per each instrument entry
Audition music requirements:	See enclosed
Clinic and concert dates:	February 10-12, 2022
Clinic and concert site:	Oklahoma City University
Jazz Concert Performance:	1:30 p.m. February 12, 2022
Concert Band Performance:	3:00 p.m. February 12, 2022

DIRECTORS MUST ENTER STUDENTS ON-LINE AT <http://www.ossbda.org>. To begin the process head directors only must establish a school account in the new "Audition Admin" system. Instructions are attached and posted on the ossbda.org website. The on-line entry deadline is Sept. 11, 2021.

- First, head directors create an account and register all assistants. To do so, they will need the registration code "xxxxxx".
- After that, any of that school's directors will be able to log in and submit student entries for Concert and Jazz auditions.

Fees due upon registration are per each entry plus a single \$50 school participation fee (\$75 if involved in both Concert & Jazz auditions). There is no additional clinic participation fee. Payment (or authorized school purchase order) along with a signed OSSAA eligibility certification should be mailed to Keith Huitt, OSSBDA Secretary-Treasurer, or may be hand carried to the auditions. Entry fees are not refundable.

Make payment to:

OSSBDA, c/o Keith Huitt, Secretary-Treasurer
PO Box 132
Wynnewood, OK 73098

The suggested maximum range of instrumentation for the concert band is as follows: 0-1 piccolo, 0-10 flutes, 0-1 Eb clarinet, 0-18 Bb clarinets, 0-2 alto clarinets, 0-4 bass clarinets, 0-2 contra clarinets, 0-2 oboes, 0-4 bassoons, 0-4 alto saxes, 0-2 tenor saxes, 0-1 bari sax, 0-8 horns, 0-12 trumpets, 0-10 trombones, 0-4 euphoniums, 0-6 tubas, 0-1 string bass, 0-8 percussion.

The suggested instrumentation for the jazz band is as follows: 2 Alto Saxophones, 2 Tenor Saxophones, 1 Baritone Saxophone, 5 Trumpets, 5 Trombones, 1 Bass Trombone, 1 Guitar, 1 Electric Bass, 1 Piano, 1 Drum Set, 1 Vibes/Mallets

The concurrent clinics will be Feb. 10, 11, & 12, 2022 at Oklahoma City University in Oklahoma City. This year's concert band clinician will be Dr. Kenneth Thompson from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio. The jazz clinician will be Kirk Palmer from Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond, Oklahoma.

After this mailing, letters to directors will be via email for the remainder of the school year. Please double check to ensure that you enter your email addresses correctly when creating your account on-line. If you have any issues call Keith Huitt at the numbers below.

I am very excited about the band, and I hope you are too. Many thanks to all those who have helped make it possible. Please encourage your students to audition. If you have any questions, please call me at 405-207-8564 or on-line at keithhuitt@yahoo.com. Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

KEITH HUITT
Executive Sec./Treas.
OSSBDA

I certify that all students auditioning for any OSSBDA Honor Band are eligible according to the rules of the OSSAA.

Director _____ Principal _____.