

Oklahoma Small Schools Band Directors Association

August 15, 2023

Dear Director:

I hope this letter finds you at the start of a successful school year! One of the greatest highlights of the 2023-24 school year will be the 27th 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 contact me.

OSSBDA auditions will be one round on **October 28, 2023, at Tuttle High School**. Students in grades 10-12 may audition and the audition material is enclosed. 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. National ACT testing dates DO NOT CONFLICT with the 2023 OSSBDA auditions.

OSSBDA All-State Jazz Band auditions will be held concurrently with concert auditions. Students may audition for both OSSBDA All-State Organizations (Concert/Jazz) but must choose between them if accepted in both.

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

Information to remember:

Deadline for online entries:	September 16, 2023
Audition date & site:	October 28, 2023 at Tuttle High School
School participation fee:	\$75.00 per school
Concert Band Audition fee:	\$10.00 per each instrument entry
Jazz Band Audition fee:	\$15.00 per each instrument entry
Clinic and concert dates:	February 8-10, 2024
Clinic and concert site:	Oklahoma City University
Jazz Concert Performance:	1:30 p.m. February 10, 2024
Concert Band Performance:	3:00 p.m. February 10, 2024

This year's concert band clinician will be Dr. Michael Knight, recent Associate Professor of Music at Iowa Wesleyan University. The jazz clinician will be composer/educator Kris Berg, Artistic Director for Jazz with the Greater Dallas Youth Orchestra Foundation, and director of the GDYO Jazz Orchestra. He is also the founder of the award-winning Jazz Program at Collin College near Dallas, Texas.

Directors must enter students online at www.ossbda.org. Head directors only must establish a school account in the "Audition Admin" system. Instructions are attached and posted on the ossbda.org website. **The online entry deadline is Sept. 16, 2023.**

- First, head directors create an account and register all assistants. To do so, they will need the registration code, which was included in the OSSBDA fall mailout.
- 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 \$75 school participation fee. There is no additional clinic participation fee. Entry fees are non-refundable.

Send payment/PO and OSSAA eligibility form to:

OSSBDA, c/o Jenn Kauffman, Secretary-Treasurer
400 N. Harrison
Blanchard, OK 73010

After this mailing, all other communication to directors will be via email for the remainder of the school year. Please double check that you enter your email addresses correctly when creating your account online. If you have any questions, please contact me at 405-210-1946 or by email at OSSBDAexec@gmail.com. Please make sure you have this email marked as safe so that information doesn't get shuttled to your spam folder.

I am very excited about the band, and I hope you are too!

Sincerely,



JENN KAUFFMAN
OSSBDA Executive Sec./Treas.

OSSAA Eligibility Form

Please return this signed form along with your entry fees.

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

Director _____ Principal _____