

Oklahoma Small Schools Band Directors Association

August 15, 2026

Dear Director:

I hope this letter finds you at the start of a successful school year! One of the greatest highlights of the 2026-27 school year will be the 30th annual Oklahoma 2A-3A-4A All-State Band. This letter should contain all the information needed to register your students for the auditions. Please make note that the clinic will be in a NEW LOCATION, at the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. If you have any additional questions, please contact me.

OSSBDA auditions will be one round on **October 31, 2026, at Tuttle High School**. Students in grades 10-12 may audition and ALL audition material is available at www.ossbda.org. 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 2026 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. ALL audition material is available at www.ossbda.org.

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 12, 2026
Audition date & site:	October 31, 2026 at Tuttle High School
School participation fee:	\$50.00 per school
Concert Band Audition fee:	\$10.00 per each instrument entry
Jazz Band Audition fee:	\$10.00 per each instrument entry
Clinic and concert dates:	February 11-13, 2027
Clinic and concert site:	University of Central Oklahoma (Edmond) *NEW LOCATION*
Jazz Concert Performance:	1:30 p.m. February 13, 2027
Concert Band Performance:	3:00 p.m. February 13, 2027

This year's concert band clinician will be Dr. Frank Tracz, Professor Emeritus of Music at Kansas State University. The jazz clinician will be Dr. Richard Tirk, director of Jazz Ensemble A, Jazz Ensemble B and Coordinator of Graduate Studies at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

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. 12, 2026.**

- First, head directors create an account and register all assistants. To do so, they will need the registration code "**Glissando2026**".
- 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. There is no additional clinic participation fee. Entry fees are non-refundable.

THIS IS ADDRESS ELIMINATES MAILING ISSUES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS – PLEASE UPDATE!!

Send payment or purchase order and the OSSAA eligibility form to:

OSSBDA
c/o Jenn Kauffman, Secretary-Treasurer
4624 Riata Circle
Tuttle, OK 73089

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 bands, and I hope you are too!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Kauffman', with a stylized, flowing script.

Jenn Kauffman
OSSBDA Executive Sec./Treas.

OSSAA Eligibility Certification Form

Please return this signed form with your entry fees. This form is required for student participation in auditions and the clinic.

I certify that all students auditioning for an OSSBDA Honor Band are eligible under the rules of the OSSAA.

Participating School Name: _____

Director Signature: _____

Principal Signature: _____

Date: _____

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