



North Jersey School Music Association

Region I of the New Jersey Music Educators Association

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The 2024 Region I Concert Band Festival

Tuesday, March 19 - West Essex High School (Day)

Tuesday, March 19 – Hanover Park High School (Evening)

Wednesday, March 20 – Parsippany Hills High School (Day)

Wednesday, March 20 - Verona High School (Evening)

Thursday, March 21 - Mt. Olive Middle School (Day)

Dear Music Educator,

The North Jersey School Music Association and the New Jersey Chapter of the National Band Association is proud to present the **25th Annual Region I High School Concert Band Festival**. The purpose of the Region I Concert Band Festival is to foster and promote the growth of the most important aspect of our programs by offering an adjudication, clinic, and performance opportunity. In addition to receiving quality feedback from outstanding music educators, your students will have the opportunity to listen to other fine ensembles from our region. The four highest scoring ensembles from Region I will be selected to perform at the State Gala Concert, which is being held on Sunday, April 28th at The College of New Jersey.

To ensure a positive educational experience, the festival will feature highly qualified adjudicators and clinicians. Each band will receive a plaque commemorating their participation with a rating of Gold, Silver, or Bronze. Awards will also be presented for outstanding woodwind, brass, and percussion sections, as well as outstanding soloist awards. We are excited to announce that our clinicians will be **Dr. Shelley Axelson from Radford University** and **Dr. Dominic Talanca from the University of North Carolina - Wilmington**. We are also excited to continue with our clinic in 2024.

At the festival, each band will play two adjudicated selections. One selection must be from our newly curated Music List which includes lists from the National Band Association, Teaching Music Through Performance in Band series, Georgia, and Texas. The second selection does not need to be from the list but should be at a similar grade level. Please see the second page of this document for more information regarding literature selection.

All bands will arrive at each festival site and proceed directly to the auditorium. Each band will be given a twenty-five minute segment to set up, warm up, perform, and depart the stage. The bands will watch each other's performances.

Registration will be done online and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is available [here](#).

Thank you for your support of this year's festival. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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The 2024 Region I Concert Band Festival Literature Selection

Please see the information below regarding literature for the 2024 Region I Concert Band Festival.

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The judges will rate the ensembles relative to the grade level of the music chosen. For example, a band that performs grade 2 or 3 literature at the highest level will be rewarded by receiving a Gold rating. Only bands that play both selections at a grade level of 4, 5, or 6 will be considered for the State Gala Concert.

Once literature is selected, grade levels and State Gala Eligibility will be confirmed with the participating director by one of the festival co-chairs. This will allow us to ensure that everyone is aware of whether or not their band is State Gala Eligible.

[North Jersey Concert Band Festival Literature List, sorted by grade level](#)

[North Jersey Concert Band Festival Literature List, sorted by composer last name](#)

[North Jersey Concert Band Festival Literature List, sorted by title](#)