



North Jersey School Music Association

Region I of the New Jersey Music Educators Association

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The 2023 Region I Concert Band Festival

Tuesday, March 21 - West Essex High School (Day)

Tuesday, March 21 – Hanover Park High School (Evening)

Wednesday, March 22 – Parsippany Hills High School (Day)

Thursday, March 23 - TBA (Day)

Thursday, March 23 – Bergenfield (Evening)

Dear Music Educator,

The North Jersey School Music Association and the New Jersey Chapter of the National Band Association is proud to present the **24th 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 rated ensembles from Region I will be selected to perform at the State Gala Concert, the date and location of which will be announced at a later date.

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 also excited to bring back the clinic for 2023! After each of your band's performances, you will move to a separate room to receive a clinic from one of our two clinicians, Dr. Teresa Purcell-Giles of William Paterson University and Dr. Thomas McCauley of Montclair State University.

At the festival, each band will play two adjudicated selections. One selection must be from the National Band Association Selective Music List. The second selection does not need to be from the list, but should be at a similar grade level. 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 choose to play music of a grade level of 4, 5, or 6 will be considered for the State Gala Concert.

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. Please use the [link](#) here or on the NJSMA Band Festivals webpage to register.

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

Sincerely,
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