



# North Jersey School Music Association

Region I of the New Jersey Music Educators Association

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## The 2025 Region I Concert Band Festival

Dear Music Educator,

The North Jersey School Music Association is proud to invite your ensemble(s) to participate in the **27th Annual Region I High School Concert Band Festival**. The Region I Concert Band Festival fosters and promotes the growth of the most important aspect of our programs, our curricular ensembles, by offering a performance, adjudication, and clinic to each group. 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 will be held on Sunday, April 27th at The College of New Jersey.

**Format:** Each ensemble will receive a twenty-five minute time slot of stage time for set-up, warm-up, and performance. After each band's performance, they will receive a clinic in another space near the performance area. All bands are required to watch as many other performances as possible per session. The cost per ensemble is \$350.00.

**Literature:** Each band will play two selections. One selection must be from the [NJSMA Concert Band Festival Repertoire List](#) which includes literature from the National Band Association, Teaching Music Through Performance in Band series, Georgia and Texas state lists. The second selection does not need to be from the list but should be at a similar grade level. Please note that to be considered for the State Gala Concert, both selections must be a grade level of 4, 5, or 6.

**Awards:** Each band will receive a plaque commemorating their participation with a rating of Gold, Silver, or Bronze. 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. Awards will also be presented for outstanding woodwind, brass, and percussion sections, as well as outstanding soloist awards.

**Adjudicators:** Dr. Adam Gumble, Director of Athletic Bands - West Chester University  
Dr. Daniel Neuenschwander, Director of Bands - Kutztown University

**Clinicians:** Dr. Eric LaPrade, Director of Bands - The College of New Jersey  
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**Sites:** Tuesday, March 18 - West Essex Regional High School (*day & evening*)  
Wednesday, March 19 - Parsippany Hills High School (*day*)  
Wednesday, March 19 - Hanover Park Regional High School (*evening*)  
Thursday, March 20 - Mount Olive Middle School (*day*)

Registration will be done online and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is available [here](#). (*this link will be live at 7:00am on Monday, December 9*)

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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