Central Hardin High School Marching Band

KY Marching Band State Championships, Western KY University
October 31, 2026

LINK TO TICKETS FOR SEMIFINALS
Link to KMEA Website with additional information

NOTE:We will load instruments and equipment on Friday night

EASTERN TIME ZONE

7:30am	Band Room Opens
8:00	Visual Run Through at CHHS (no equipment)
8:40	Load Buses
8:50	Students and uniforms leave for Bowling Green Uniform truck will travel with students
9:50	Trucks leave and head to WKU Trucks will go to Avenue of Champions Trucks must have the KMEA Parking Pass Unload upon arrival (students will meet you there) There is an open area next to the truck parking where props can be staged Students will get props as they go from warm up to the field

CHANGE TO CENTRAL TIME ZONE

9:25	Students and Uniforms arrive at Hillvue Church in Bowling Green, KY Snack - provided by Boosters
9:45	Change into uniforms
10:15	Load students buses and take attendance
10:20	Buses leave for WKU Buses will be going to the student unloading zone Take Russellville Rd (Highway 68) Enter the load/unloading area from Russellville Rd (just past Taco Bell) Unload at parking lot at Russellville Rd and University Blvd
10:40	Students Arrive at WKU Unload and walk together to trucks Assemble instruments and equipment
11:30	Line up for warm-up
11:35	Begin move towards warm-up area
11:45	Warm Up (Area A)
12:15pm	Travel to gate
12:20	Gate Report Time

12:30	**Prelims Performance** (Class 5A)
	Enter Side 1, Exit Side 2
12:45	Move to equipment trucks and pack
1:25	Load Buses and return to Hillvue Church
	Drum Majors remain at stadium
1:45	Change out of uniforms
2:00	Lunch
2:10	Drum Majors report to field for awards
2:15	Prelims Awards and announcement of finalists

6 Band Move to Finals for each class, Class 5A finals begin at 8:30pm
The remaining schedule depends on results from prelims

6:00 Dinner at "home base"
If in finals, we will have a dress/arrive/warm up time after dinner
Link to tickets for Finals
Otherwise, we will return to stadium after dinner
Finals conclude at 10:00pm, followed by awards
Arrival time back to CHHS depends on placement in prelims
Approximate arrival time will be 1:30 AM

Detailed information for Semifinals and Finals at WKU including parking maps and seating maps

Schedule subject to change due to delays in performance schedule, traffic and unforeseen circumstances. Students are released from the band room once they have stored their equipment/instruments and uniform properly

Bring BLACK Socks and Appropriate Undergarments for the competition uniforms

Students will wear the new 2026 Band SHOW SHIRT when not in uniform

Students riding home with parents must turn in this form prior to the trip