



**CMEA Central Section Jazz Festival**  
**Liberty Middle School - Lemoore, CA**  
**April 16th & 17th, 2026**



Dear Jazz Band Directors,

We are excited to welcome you to the campus of Liberty Middle School for the 2026 CMEA Central Section Jazz Festival. Please read the information below and be sure to let us know if you have any questions. All forms needed for the festival are available on our website at [www.cmeacentral.org/cmea-jazz](http://www.cmeacentral.org/cmea-jazz)

The Lemoore Union Elementary School District Music Team  
Chris Morsehead, Marcus Zellous, Chris Huebchle, Jon Alanzalon, Joseph Cota, Jeremy Rodriguez, & Rob Bentley

**Festival Site**

Liberty Middle School  
1000 Liberty Dr.  
Lemoore, CA 93245

**Festival Hosts**

Host - Rob Bentley (559) 779-1380  
Co - Host Chris Morsehead (559) 978-2667

**Festival Adjudicators**

Lisa Butts  
Paul Lucckesi  
Bill Butts  
David Adams  
Meryl Wamhoff

**Bus directions - Extremely important.** Please share with the driver as GPS map systems will not help you with the specifics. These directions are important for parking as other ways may trap your bus in an adjacent neighborhood and make it difficult to turn around.

*From Hanford*

Take Lacey Blvd. west to 18th (Lemoore Ave.)  
Take Lemoore Ave. south to Cinnamon Dr.  
Take Cinnamon Dr. west to Liberty Dr.

Take Liberty Dr. north to Liberty Middle School  
Bus parking in marked area in front of school in marked area only

*From Tulare County and points south*

Take 198 west to Exit #79 Lemoore Ave.  
Take Lemoore Ave. north to Cinnamon Dr.  
Take Cinnamon Dr. west to Liberty Dr.  
Take Liberty Dr. north to Liberty Middle School  
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*From Kingsburg/Selma area*

Take Conejo Ave. west to 41  
Take 41 south to Hanford-Armona Rd.  
Take Hanford-Armona Rd. east to 19th Ave.  
Take 19th Ave. south to Cinnamon Dr.  
Take Cinnamon Dr. west to Liberty Dr.  
Take Liberty Dr. north to Liberty Middle School  
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*From Fresno area and points north*

Take 41 south to Hanford-Armona Rd.  
Take Hanford-Armona Rd. east to 19th Ave.  
Take 19th Ave. south to Cinnamon Dr.  
Take Cinnamon Dr. west to Liberty Dr.  
Take Liberty Dr. north to Liberty Middle School  
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## **Welcome**

### **Check in will be at the gate entrance near the band room**

- Per CMEA CS guidelines, please provide a student roster to be used in the event of an emergency. The list should include school name, ensemble name(s), Director name, Director cell number, chaperone names, chaperone cell numbers, and a complete list of students attending the festival with you that day.
- Conductor scores are not required
- You must turn in 5 copies of your list of selections and soloists (provided fill in PDF)
- You must turn in a set up sheet at this time.
- You will be assigned a festival host that will guide you and your students around campus and help keep you on time.
- We will have a 25 minute portal to portal time. You will have roughly 25 minutes to warm up, 25 minutes to perform, 25 minutes for a feedback clinic. **Please be considerate of other participating ensembles and do not over program causing the festival to get behind.**

We will announce your group and **you** will announce your selections/soloists as you see fit

Warm up will be in our band room. Case storage will be right outside. We have a very nice stage that has ample space for your jazz ensemble. Following your performance, you will receive a feedback clinic from one of our adjudicators inside our Media Center.

Ratings/Certificates/Soloist Recognitions will be available at our headquarters a short time after your feedback clinic. We will also be recognizing two outstanding musicians of the festival with \$200 scholarships to La Sierra Music Camp. Your judges comments will be uploaded to a shared Google Drive for you to download shortly after your performance.

### **Security**

Adult chaperones/parents are welcome to attend the festival but must enter on the west side of the cafeteria. There is no admission fee. Students must be supervised at all times. Chaperones must sit with students. The outside restrooms will be available for jazz festival students. There is to be no vaping or use of any alcohol or tobacco on campus. This will be enforced so vandalism and disrespect to other groups and the school do not occur.

### **Provided Equipment**

There will be full rhythm section equipment provided in each room. You may bring your own cymbals if you wish. (Always label your equipment) You will have the choice of an upright acoustic piano or electronic keyboard on stage. Congas and vibes will be provided on stage as well. Bands will perform on risers. There will be microphones available for soloists. If you have any special equipment needs, please contact us.

### **Multi Media**

Unlike in previous years, this year we are unable to provide audio/video/photos for your ensemble. The LUESD team is short handed this year. Thank you for understanding.

### **Food**

We will not have a snack bar. There are fast food restaurants nearby.