



September 28th, 2021

Dear Director:

Thank you for choosing to participate in the 2021 Mid Iowa Band Championship! We have another outstanding line-up of bands this year, and we are very excited to host your band. This packet contains a schedule for the event, maps and directions to the stadium and warm-up facilities, and general information about the contest.

Directions to the Stadium

Please enter the school off of NW 9th Street, which is a stoplight South of the Northview Middle School. You will then turn right on Logan Street, which is the South entrance to the Northview Middle School. Your band ambassador will meet you as you enter the parking lot and stamp participants' and chaperones' hands for admission. Please see the attached map.

Equipment Vehicles

Equipment trucks will park on the north side of the Northview Middle School. Our equipment chairperson will be contacting you to provide the specifics for your band. It is very important that we keep the area around the equipment vehicles clear so that equipment can be easily moved to the stadium. There will be Ankeny volunteers at the North lot to assist with equipment vehicle parking.

Warm-Up Areas

Please note the areas designated for warm-up. Please warm-up facing away from the stadium to avoid sound bleed.

Field Entry

Please be ready to enter the track at the North end of our stadium at the gate time assigned to your band on the schedule. Your band ambassador will help you move from the warm-up area to the gate. Your band will move on to the track at 8 minutes into the previous band's performance. An on-field warm-up is allowed.

To provide you with more time for pit set up, we will be allowing pit equipment to enter the field as soon as the previous band has moved their equipment off the field. The rest of the band needs to wait until the announcer tells them to enter the field. If you would prefer to bring everything on at the same time that is ok.

Pit Equipment

Pit equipment must come through the North gate of the stadium. Please have it on the track before the 8-minute mark so that we can stage it. We will have some trailers to help move equipment from the North gate to the performance field and back. Please help us by carrying any equipment that does not have wheels or using the provided trailers. There will be power in the pit area.

Field Exit

We will have a new exit for the bands and equipment this year. Bands will leave the stadium out the gate on the Southeast side of the field and move into the parking lot behind the Visitor stands. See map for pathway.

Ballots

We will be using MACBDA score sheets. There will be a judge for Visual Execution, Visual General Effect, Music Execution, Music General Effect, Percussion, and Color Guard. Please contact one of our directors if you would like a copy of the ballots sent to you for review.

Bands Performing Without Colorguard- Groups performing without a color guard will receive a color guard score, equivalent to the lowest color guard score of the evening, regardless of class. If you have questions or would like clarification about this, please contact Scott Hook (515-210-1117). If your band does not have a color guard, please let us know right away.

Awards

There will be a first place award in each class for percussion and color guard based on their scores, which will also be included in the overall contest scores. All bands will be ranked in their class according to scores. Judges will be instructed to use the national linear scale and will not adjust scores by classification.

Finale

The finale will be for drum majors only. Drum Majors should report, in uniform, to the Northeast corner of the field at 10:25pm to line up.

Judges' Tapes and Video

We have moved to an entirely online and digital format for judges' comments and video. You will receive judges' comments and your video via Google Drive. Please watch your email in the coming weeks for a link to that folder. Ballots will be in your packet, which will be available in the Directors Hospitality Room, directly following the Awards Ceremony. Please make sure you have picked up your packet before you leave Ankeny.

Critique

There will not be a judge's critique offered this year.

Directors Hospitality Room

We will be providing a Hospitality Room for directors throughout the evening. Food and beverages will be provided and we hope that you all take advantage of this. Signs will be posted in the school commons area to direct you.

Restrooms

There will be restrooms available in the stadium and in the central portion of the Northview Middle School, which is accessible from the West side of the school.

Concessions

We will have a concession stand open at the stadium for you and your students. All proceeds from the concession stand go to the Ankeny and Ankeny Centennial Band Programs.

Emergency Numbers for the Day

Emergency numbers for October 13:

Police- 515-965-6400

Scott Hook Cell- 515-210-1117

Jennifer Williams Cell- 515-360-8503

Chaperones

Please use the North gate only for essential personnel and chaperones. Only staff and chaperones with a hand stamp will be allowed to use the North gate. We will have one chaperone pass for every ten students in your band. If you need additional passes, please contact Jennifer Williams at Ankeny High School.

Admissions

Admission prices are \$10.00 for adults, \$8 for Senior Citizens, and \$5.00 for students (K-12). Children (5 and under) will be admitted free.

Judges

Judges for the 2021 Mid Iowa Band Championship are:

Paul Brizzi- Music Execution (judged from the press box)

Jeff Crowell- Percussion

Brad Lampe- Visual Execution

Brent Turner- Visual General Effect

Rich Nicola- Music General Effect

Steff King- Color Guard

Please contact us with any questions or special requests. Copies of this information are available on our website, <http://ankenybands.com/>. We are looking forward to your performance on October 19.

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