

Directors,

On behalf of the Oxford School District and the Oxford High School Band, we are excited to host you and your students for the MHSAA North Region Concert Band Evaluation, which is being held at the Oxford High School (OHS) Performing Arts Center (PAC), March 6-9, 2022.

Our goal is for this to be a safe, enriching, and positive experience for everyone involved. We wish you all the best of luck in your final preparations and for safe travels to and from the event. I have made a short video walkthrough of our facilities to help you navigate our campus. The link is:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1N7OrjZBxXnW3E0fcSnDKAWE2IZjm_Wt6?usp=sharing

If you have any questions or concerns, please call/text

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Directions to Oxford High School

From Holly Springs (MS-7 S): Take the Sisk Avenue exit. Enter the roundabout and take the 3rd exit onto Sisk Avenue. Pass through 2 roundabouts. Enter the next roundabout and take the 3rd exit onto Charger Loop.

From Calhoun City (MS-9 W/MS-7 N): Take US-278 E/MS-6 E toward Pontotoc. Take the Sisk Avenue exit. Enter the roundabout and take the 2nd exit onto Sisk Avenue. Continue through the red light and enter the next roundabout and take the 3rd exit onto Charger Loop.

From Tupelo (US-278 E/MS-6 E): Just before you get to Oxford, there will be a redlight for FD Buddy Parkway. You will exit MS-6 there and take the second exit on the roundabout. Turn to the left at the stop sign and enter the roundabout in front of OHS. Take the first exit onto Charger Loop.

From Batesville (US-278 W/MS-6 W): Continue on MS-6 W all the way through Oxford. After you pass the exit for Hwy 334, there will be a redlight for FD Buddy Parkway. You will exit MS-6 there and turn left where you will immediately be in a roundabout. Take the second exit on the roundabout. Turn to the left at the stop sign and enter the roundabout in front of OHS. Take the first exit onto Charger Loop.

Arriving on Campus

1. Once you pass the Oxford High School sign and enter campus, follow the road to the right (counterclockwise), to the back of the school. Take the first left after you pass the practice fields. Buses will park by the curb closest to the practice fields. **Please be sure not to block the fire lanes!**
2. Instruments need to be assembled before entering the building. The practice field area can be used for this purpose.
3. Percussion trailers can pull beside the PAC (see map).
4. Please enter through the front of the Fine Arts building/Auditorium lobby. Restrooms in the lobby will be open for students to use.
5. On your way to the warm-up room, please drop your judges' packets off at the recording studio.

Warm-Up

1. An MHSAA guide will notify you when you may enter (and exit) the warm-up room. Enter the assigned room through doors, which will be marked, "Warm-up 1" and "Warm-up 2" (see map).
2. Your MHSAA guide will notify you approximately 10 minutes prior to your performance time for you to begin moving to the stage.
3. It is the director's responsibility to move from the warm-up room at the correct time. Please be cooperative with the guides as they assist us with staying on time throughout the day. An MHSAA guide will take you to the stage.

Performance

1. The following percussion equipment will be provided by Oxford High School:

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| a. bass drum | d. marimba | g. xylophone |
| b. bells | e. timpani (4) | |
| c. chimes | f. vibraphone | |
2. NO mallets or sticks will be furnished for any of the above instruments, and NO specialty instruments will be on stage. **If you require the use of a piano, please let me know ASAP!**
3. Following your sight reading performance, equipment will be loaded from the loading dock. It is the director's responsibility to ensure students get to the buses and all equipment is loaded.
4. Directors will pick up the adjudication packet and awards from an MHSAA representative in the recording studio where you dropped off your judges' packets. All judges' comments will be delivered in a shared Google folder.

5. Directors are asked to have bands off-campus within 45 minutes after sight reading is concluded in order to aid with parking of other bands. However, if you have multiple bands performing and you are keeping students on campus to watch, please park your buses along the soccer practice field so that other bands can move their buses and equipment trucks closer to the building.

Other Useful Information

1. Restrooms are located in the lobby of the auditorium and on the main hallway near the warm-up rooms. DO NOT use the restrooms as changing areas. I know this may cause some inconvenience, but other bands and the students that have class in the PAC have to use those restrooms as well.

2. Classes will be in session, so please be quiet in the hallway.

3. Bands should remain together as a group when not inside the PAC and should be under the supervision of directors/chaperones at all times.

4. There are school resource officers on duty. However, you are advised not to leave buses or equipment unattended.

5. Phone numbers in the event of an emergency:

a. For parents: Oxford High School (662)234-1562

b. For directors (delays or problems getting to the event): MHSAA (601)924-6400 or OHS (662)234-1562

6. All concert performances are open to school staff and parents, however no parents will be allowed in the sight reading room.

7. No food or drink is allowed in the OHS PAC.