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Mississippi Bandmasters State Band Clinic
Informational Letter to Administrators and Parent Organizations
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PURPOSE

The Mississippi Bandmasters State Band Clinic is designed with educational purposes in mind that will benefit both band students and music educators across the state of Mississippi. The clinic aims to improve music education through the following:

- Student centered band rehearsals led by top music educators from across the nation.
- Professional Development clinics and lectures presented by a variety of experts, teachers, and music educators that focus on current day topics in music education and are geared toward music educators in the state of Mississippi.
- Displays that enable music educators the chance to learn about new products, instruments, and music offered by some of the top vendors in the area of music education.

HISTORY

The Mississippi Bandmasters Association State Band Clinic is held annually in December of each year. The clinic began in 1937 and is still thriving today. The clinic was held for the longest time in Biloxi, Mississippi and then relocated after Hurricane Katrina to Tupelo, MS. Today, the clinic makes its home in Natchez, MS.

WHO ATTENDS

Instrumental Music Educators and Students
College Representatives
Music Industry Representatives
Fine Arts Administrators
Professional Musicians

CEU CREDIT

Attendees can earn CEU Credit through a partnership with Northeast Community College in Booneville, MS. Attendees must attend a number of professional development clinics to receive this credit.

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY DISPLAYS

Students will have ample opportunity to talk with representatives from several colleges and universities from across the state and region.

ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

Many different national, state, and regional associations will hold meetings during the clinic in order to conduct their yearly business.

CONCERTS

There are two large concerts given during the clinic. Friday night, the clinic students will see and hear a concert given by specially invited ensembles from across the region and a concert by the Mississippi All State Concert Band. Saturday, parents, directors, and the general public are invited to the Grand Finale concert that is given by the Clinic students displaying their work over the course of the clinic.