

## CENTRAL DISTRICT BAND MPA - Which Site to Attend

In an effort to best serve the band programs of the district, a proposal was passed at the Spring 2017 CDBA meeting that split the district into regions - West, Central, and East. Each region would host all grade levels of bands participating, both middle and high. When Wake County split its own district, ECDBA, in 2019, our sites became just two - East and West.

### *Which site am I assigned to?*

The sites are assigned by the county that your school is in as follows:

#### West Region - Asheboro HS

Counties: Guilford, Randolph/Asheboro, Rockingham

#### East Region - Cedar Ridge HS

Counties: Alamance, Caswell, Chatham, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Orange/Chapel Hill, Person, Vance, Warren

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** If site hosts change in the future, region assignments may change as well.\*\*

### *What if we can not attend the site that we are assigned to?*

There are times when a band has scheduling conflicts that make it impossible to attend Concert Band MPA in the CDBA region that it has been assigned. This should not prohibit a band from participating in MPA during that school year. Procedures are in place and established for applying to attend MPA in their non-assigned CDBA site. While this is an understandable occurrence, bands should not make a habit of repeating this practice.

The procedures for "what" to do when arranging to go out-of-area are outlined below. Please make sure to follow these guidelines:

1. Band directors planning on taking their band out-of-area to Concert Band MPA (e.g. moving from East to West or vice versa) first must apply with the MPA Chair of the area they wish to attend. The request must ask permission to attend their MPA site.
2. Once the CDBA MPA Chair from the requested area has approved the request, and responded in writing, the band director must then send a copy of the letter of approval to the CDBA MPA Chair of the area where the band has been assigned.
3. Finally, the Band Director must also send a copy of the written response to the CDBA District President for his/her files.
4. Once approval has been granted from both MPA Chairs and the District President has been informed, then the band is "legally" permitted to attend an MPA site in an area other where the band has been assigned.

Failure to follow the above procedure could result in a band's disqualification. As stated, **bands are encouraged to attend Concert Band MPA in the area where they have been assigned.** However, when the need arises, procedures are in place to make things work for everybody.

MPA Chairs are asked to keep a record of bands that attend MPA in a different area. If a band makes this a frequent practice and abuses this privilege, the MPA Chair should bring it before the CDBA Board of Directors for review.