

Central District Band Festival Instructions

In an effort to best serve the band programs of our district, a proposal was passed at the Spring 2017 CDBA meeting that split the district into regions (West, Central, and East) and each region would host all grade levels of bands participating, both middle and high. Due to volume of bands participating in the East Region, it is split into middle school and high school.

Which site am I supposed to go to?

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

For 2018:

West Region

Counties: Chatham, Guilford, Randolph/Asheboro, Rockingham

Central Region

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

East Region (High School)

Wake County

East Region (Middle School)

Wake County

**Please note that if sites change in the future, region assignments may change.

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 State Festival in the CDBA region that it has been assigned. This should not prohibit a band from attending festival in that school year. Procedures are in place and established for applying to attend their non-assigned CDBA area. While this is an understandable occurrence, bands should not make a habit of repeating this practice.

Definition in procedure of "what" to do when arranging to go out-of-area is described here. Please make sure to follow these guidelines.

1. Band directors planning on taking their band out-of-area to CDBA Concert Festival first must apply with the Concert Festival Chairman of the area they wish to attend. The request must ask permission to attend their festival.
2. Once the CDBA Area Festival 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 Area Festival Chairman of the area where the band has been assigned.
3. The Band Director must also send a copy of the written response to the CDBA District President for his/her files.
4. ONLY after these procedures are followed is a band "legal" in attending a festival in an area other than the one where the band has been assigned. Failure to follow procedure could result in disqualification.

As stated, bands are encouraged to attend festival in their area where they have been assigned. When need arises, however, procedures are in place that can work for everyone.

Concert Festival hosts are asked to keep a record of bands that attend festival in a different area. If a band makes this a frequent practice and abuses this privilege, the festival host should bring it before the District Board of the CDBA for review.