

# Oklahoma Small Schools Band Directors Association

August 12, 2016

Dear Director:

I hope this letter finds you at the start of a successful school year. I believe one of the greatest highlights of the 2016-17 school year will be the twentieth annual Oklahoma 2A-3A-4A All State Band. This letter should contain all the information needed to register your students for the auditions. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to call.

OSSBDA auditions will be on October 29, 2016, with only one round. The audition site will be at Tecumseh Middle School, which is located south of Shawnee. I will include a map in a future email. The list of audition material is enclosed. Students in grades 10-12 may audition. If you have students auditioning, you or another authorized school official must be present to help with auditions. Only directors may judge, but other persons may help as monitors.

Auditioning for the 2A-3A-4A All State Band DOES NOT prevent a student from auditioning for the OMEA Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra, or Choir. Students may audition for and participate in both OMEA and OSSBDA. Note: ACT testing does not conflict with the 2016 OSSBDA auditions.

Information to remember:

Deadline for on-line entries:	September 17, 2016
Audition date:	October 29, 2016
Audition site:	Tecumseh Middle School
Student Audition fee:	\$10.00 per each instrument entry
School participation fee:	\$50.00 per school
Audition scales and music:	See enclosed list
Clinic and concert dates:	February 9-11, 2017
Clinic and concert site:	Oklahoma City University
Concert time & date:	3:00 p.m. February 11, 2017

DIRECTORS MUST ENTER STUDENTS ON-LINE AT <http://www.ossbda.org>. In order to submit your entries you will need the event number and password. The **event number** is "xxxxxxx". The **password** is "xxxxxxx". The on-line entry deadline is Sept. 17, 2016.

Fees due upon registration are \$10 per each entry plus a single \$50 school participation fee. There is no additional clinic participation fee. Payment (or authorized school purchase order) along with a signed OSSAA eligibility certification should be mailed to Keith Huitt, OSSBDA Secretary-Treasurer, or may be hand carried to the auditions. Entry fees are not refundable. Make payment to:

OSSBDA, c/o Keith Huitt, Secretary-Treasurer  
PO Box 132  
Wynnewood, OK 73098

The suggested maximum range of instrumentation for the band is as follows: 0-1 piccolo, 0-10 flutes, 0-1 Eb clarinet, 0-18 Bb clarinets, 0-2 alto clarinets, 0-4 bass clarinets, 0-2 contra clarinets, 0-2 oboes, 0-4 bassoons, 0-4 alto saxes, 0-2 tenor saxes, 0-1 bari sax, 0-8 horns, 0-12 trumpets, 0-10 trombones, 0-4 euphoniums, 0-6 tubas, 0-1 string bass, 0-8 percussion

The clinic will be Feb. 9, 10, & 11, 2017, at Oklahoma City University in Oklahoma City. Dr. Timothy Rhea from Texas A&M University will be the conductor.

After this mailing, letters to directors will be via email for the remainder of the school year. Please double check to ensure that you enter your email address correctly on the on-line student registration form. If you have any issues call Keith Huitt at the numbers below.

I am very excited about the band, and I hope you are too. Many thanks to all those who have helped make it possible. Please encourage your students to audition. We can have a great band if everyone participates. If you have any questions, please call me at 405-665-5463 or 405-207-8564 or on-line at [keithhuitt@yahoo.com](mailto:keithhuitt@yahoo.com). Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

KEITH HUITT  
Executive Sec./Treas.  
OSSBDA

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I certify that all students auditioning for the 2A-3A-4A All State Band are eligible according to the rules of the OSSAA.

Director \_\_\_\_\_ Principal \_\_\_\_\_