

Directors,

Good morning, and congratulations to you and your students for earning a spot in one of the 2023 Alabama All-State Bands! The hosts for each of the bands have a few reminders and attachments you can print for your students. You will only receive this ONE email with information for each of the bands this year.

Please read it thoroughly, and also **either print the information or forward it to each of your students that are in any of the bands.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHEDULE LOOKS DIFFERENT THAN PREVIOUS YEARS, INCLUDING ADDED REHEARSAL TIME THURSDAY!**

Each of the band hosts will be using the Remind101 messaging platform before and during the event. We will use this to send reminders prior to and during the event, as well as for reminders of rehearsal times and details as we approach the concert. Please see the information below to sign up for each of the bands. There is a "Woodwind" class and a "Brass & Percussion" class for each band.

**Each student should only sign themselves OR a parent up, not both.**

**HS RED BAND WOODWINDS:**

Please send a text to **81010** with the message **@2023alrdww**

**HS RED BAND BRASS & PERCUSSION:**

Please send a text to **81010** with the message **@2023alrbbp**

**HS WHITE BAND WOODWINDS:**

Please send a text to **81010** with the message **@whiteww**

**HS WHITE BAND BRASS & PERCUSSION:**

Please send a text to **81010** with the message **@whitebrpc**

**HS BLUE BAND WOODWINDS:**

Please send a text to **81010** with the message **@bluebandw**

**HS BLUE BAND BRASS & PERCUSSION:**

Please send a text to **81010** with the message **@bluebandb**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RED BAND WOODWINDS:**

Please send a text to **81010** with the message **@msrbww**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL RED BAND BRASS & PERCUSSION:**

Please send a text to **81010** with the message **@msrb23bp**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL WHITE BAND WOODWINDS:**

Please send a text to **81010** with the message **@mswht23ww**

**MIDDLE SCHOOL WHITE BAND BRASS & PERCUSSION:**

Please send a text to **81010** with the message **@mswht23bp**

1. All students must bring a **stand & pencil**.
2. Brass players need to be prepared with **mutes**; your band host will send a Remind text with details for your band for mutes. Percussionists should provide your own sticks and mallets.
3. Students interested in playing piccolo should bring it with them. The ABA bylaws dictate that students will be asked in chair order for their interest in the piccolo spot for each band.
4. Remember your **instrument** and all accessories you will need.
5. Please bring your own **bottled water**.
6. Remember your **attire/uniform** for the concert.
7. Students should arrive at rehearsals in time to warm-up briefly and be ready for a downbeat at the rehearsal start.
8. Rehearsals are closed to individuals other than the all-state participants, directors, and board members.
9. There will be no limit or tickets this year for the concerts.
10. Name tags will be in their chair at the first rehearsal and they will need to wear them for identification purposes.
11. No outside food is allowed in the Von Braun Center. There are many local restaurants / extended breaks to accommodate your lunch and dinner desires.
12. The Von Braun Center is a CASHLESS venue. Credit cards & digital payments are accepted.
13. Live-streaming will be available for those not in attendance; the link for these will be on [www.alaband.org](http://www.alaband.org)

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Now, take a deep breath! We will have fun together, we will learn so much from our talented clinicians, and we will MAKE OUTSTANDING MUSIC TOGETHER!

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions concerning anything I neglected to cover in this communication.

**We are looking forward to seeing and hearing your students next week!**

Sincerely,

Jon Bubbett, HS Red Band Host  
Heather Henson, HS White Band Host

Damon McCallister, HS Blue Band Host  
Connie Hammond, MS Red Band Host  
David Caddell, MS White Band Host