

ABA DISTRICT 5

[District Event Schedule](#)

[AMEA Conference](#)

[Jazz All-State](#)

[MPA](#)

[Jazz MPA](#)

[All-State Auditions](#)

[District Honor Band](#)

[All-State Festival](#)

[Solo and Ensemble](#)

[Contacts](#)

[Link to Fall Meeting](#)



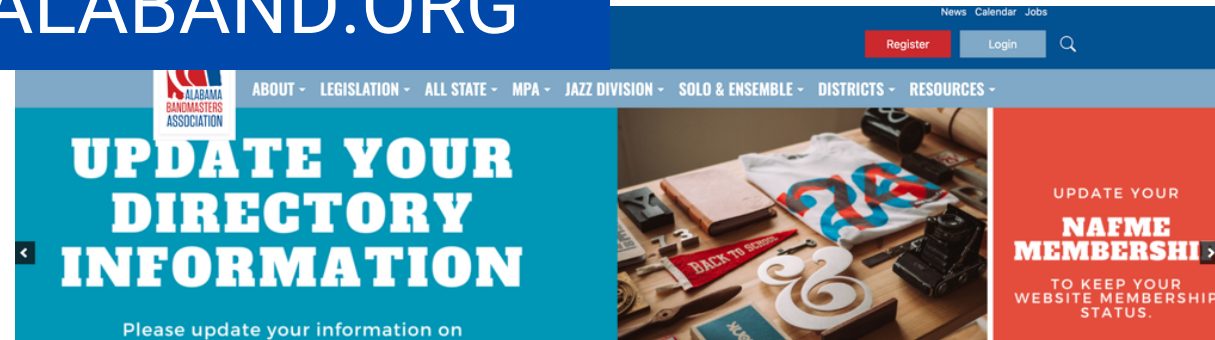
DISTRICT EVENT SCHEDULE

Event	Location	Date	Postmark Deadline
District Fall Meeting	Zoom Call 6:30 pm	August 25, 2026	N/A
All-State Jazz Recordings Submissions	alaband.org	November 15, 2026	11/1/2026
AMEA Conference/Jazz All-State Festival	BJCC (Birmingham)	January 21-23, 2027	TBA
All-State/District Honor Band Auditions	Hillcrest High School	January 30, 2027	12/18/2026
District Honor Band	University of Alabama	February 19-20, 2027	2/5/2027
District Spring Meeting	University of Alabama	February 20, 2027	N/A
MPA	University of Alabama	March 10-12, 2027	2/17/2027
All-State	Von Braun Center (Huntsville)	April 22-24, 2027	TBA
Solo & Ensemble (Tuscaloosa Site)	Brookwood Middle School	April 17, 2027	3/27/2027
Solo & Ensemble (Prattville Site)	Prattville Junior High School	April 29, 2027	3/27/2027



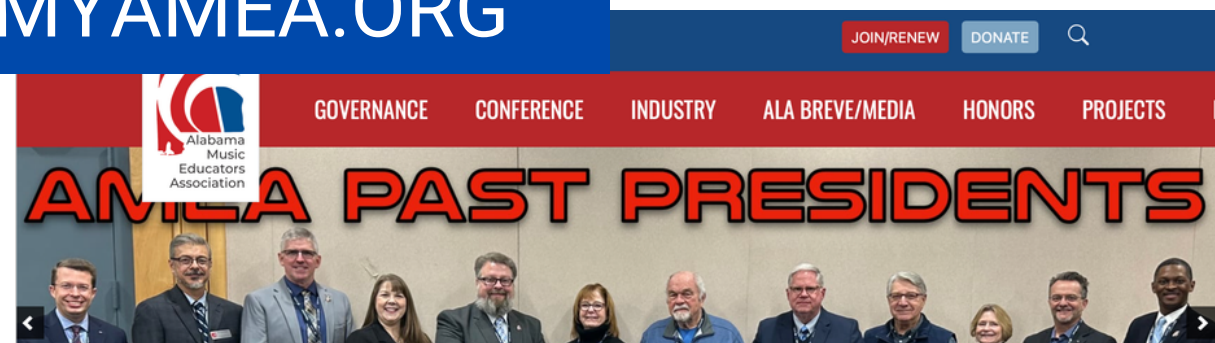
WEBSITES

ALABAND.ORG



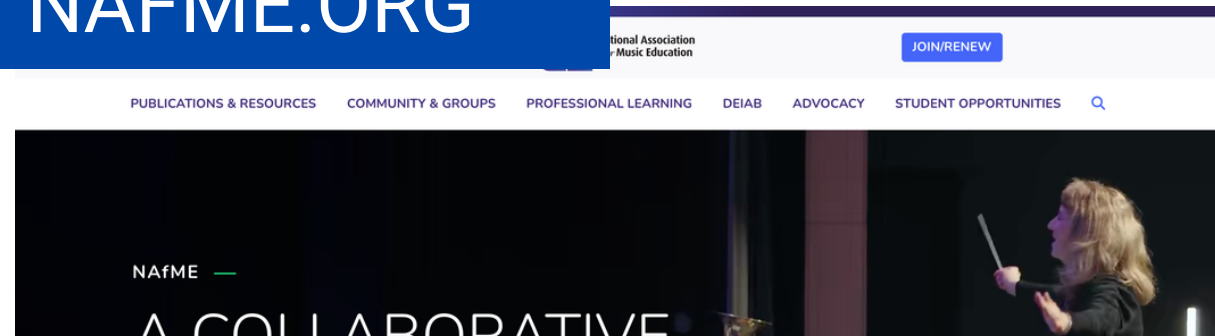
Visit often for updates! You cannot login (and register for events) without NAFME membership up to date.

MYAMEA.ORG



Register for AMEA Conference

NAFME.ORG



Update your membership. If you have login issues, email [Doug Farris](#) and copy D5 [Chairman](#) and [Vice Chairman](#).



AMEA CONFERENCE

Event Date: January 21-23, 2027

Where: BJCC

Registration: Open Now (Aug 1)

Accommodations are live on the AMEA website. (myamea.org)

- In conjunction with Jazz All-State



JAZZ ALL-STATE



Same as AMEA:

Event Date: January 21-23, 2027

Where: BJCC

Registration

- Deadline to Apply: Nov 1
- Audition Window: Nov 2-15 (Recorded audition)
- Audition info can be found on alaband.org

Fees:

Audition: \$15 per student, \$20 school fee

Festival: \$50 per student



MPA

Event Date: March 10-12, 2027

Where: University of Alabama (Moody Music Building)

[“How to MPA at Moody” Video](#)

Registration deadline: February 17, 2027

- Directors choose [classification](#)
- One piece must be from the [Cumulative List](#)
 - Deadline to request an exemption is January 15, 2027
- Deadline to request for student(s) to play in multiple ensembles is January 15, 2027
- [Sightreading UIL](#) - Percussion, Key signatures, and other information released before MPA
- If you need changes after submission, email [Jeff](#) and [Brooke](#)
 - Music selections, seating charts, etc

Fees: \$2 per student, \$100 school fee per band

- 30-minute warmup
- 3 scores *with numbered measures*
 - No photocopies
 - E-prints must be bound
- [MPA Rubrics](#)
- You will sightread the UIL level that matches your classification choice
- **[Read the Bylaws!](#)** (MPA info starts on pg. 13)
- “Comments Only” is a viable option



MPA - Continued

March 10 - All day

March 11 - All day

March 12 - All day

Head Judge
Stage Judge



DAVID ALLINDER

Stage Judge



JOEL HENSON

Stage Judge



DAVID EAST

Sightreading



TERRY OWNBY



JAZZ MPA



Thompson HS Site: April 8

Decatur Site: TBA

Troy: April 6

Registration: Opens in January

- Traditional and Non-traditional middle and high school options
- 3 pieces of different styles: Swing, Latin, Other
- “Comments Only” is an option
- After performance, one judge will give a clinic to band. No sightreading component.

Fees: \$2 per student, \$100 school fee per band



ALL-STATE AUDITIONS

Event Date: January 30

Where: Hillcrest High School

Registration deadline: December 18, 2026

Late Registration deadline: January 8, 2027

Music is available on www.alaband.org.

We need all District 5 directors, regardless of whether you have students auditioning or not, to help judge the event on January 31.

Audition Fees:

- \$20 per student
- \$15 school fee

Using new program, Snap.

For District HB- All students will be able to complete the entire audition, even if they do not pass scales.



DISTRICT HONOR BAND

Event Date: February 19-20, 2027

Where: University of Alabama

Registration deadline: Feb 5, 2027

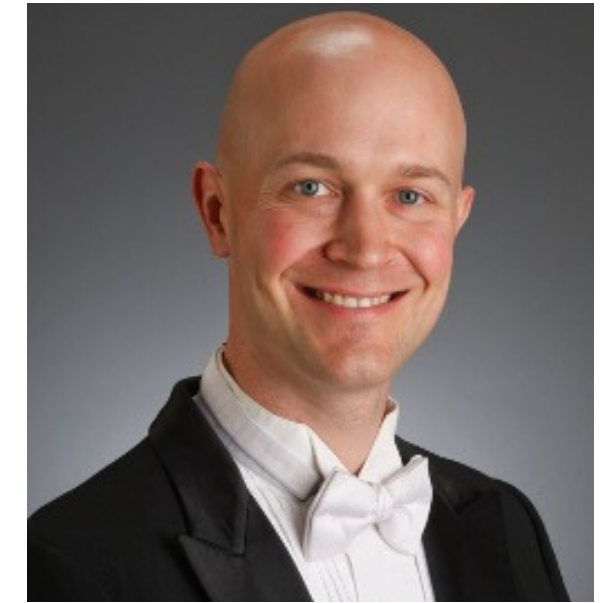
- (One week after auditions)

Fees:

- \$35 per student
- \$25 school fee
- District Spring Meeting
 - Saturday morning, Feb 21



MS Clinician
AUDREY MURPHY
East Cobb MS
Marietta, GA



HS Clinician
MATT TEMPLE
NEW TRIER HIGH SCHOOL
Winnetka, IL



ALL-STATE FESTIVAL

Event Date: April 22-24, 2027

Where: Von Braun Center, Huntsville, AL

Registration Postmark Deadline: March 1

Announcement of Etude: TBA

Audition Window: TBA

Announcement of All-State Chair Placement: TBA

Fees:

- \$40 per student
- \$50 school fee



ALL-STATE SOLO FESTIVAL

Registration Deadline:

- March 1
- March 8 with \$50 late fee

March 10-March 21 Audition window

April 2 - Announcement of Results

April 9- Music sent to students

April 21 - Solo Finals



ALL-STATE FESTIVAL

Red Band



COL. JASON FETTIG

USMC Band, Retired
University of Michigan

White Band



DR. ANDREA STRAUSS

Tara Winds,
Atlanta, GA

Blue Band



T. ANDRE FEAGIN

University of Hartford
Director of Bands

Middle School



KIMBERLY BEENE

Arbor Creek MS
Carrollton, TX

Middle School



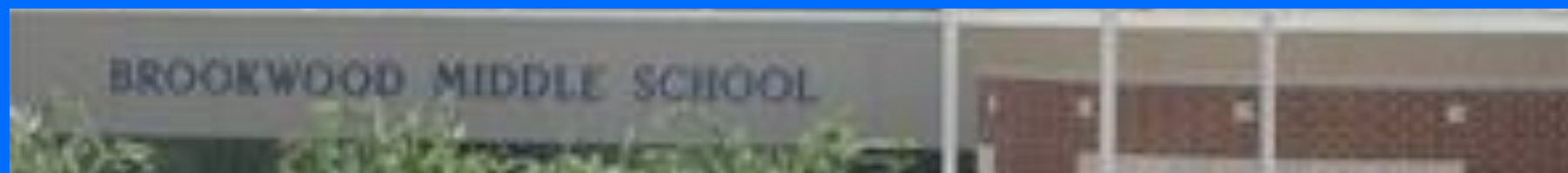
GRETTA POTE

Clay Middle School
Carmel, IN



SOLO AND ENSEMBLE

Tuscaloosa Site



Event Date: April 17, 2027

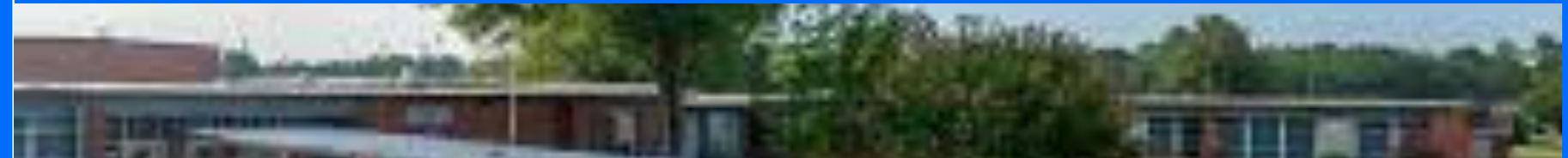
Where: Brookwood Middle School

Registration deadline: March 27

Fees:

- \$5 per event
- \$10 school fee

Prattville Site



Event Date: April 29, 2027

Where: Prattville Junior High School

Registration deadline: March 27

Fees:

- \$5 per event
- \$10 school fee



PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Look for publications on alaband.org.

- Level 1 MPA Proposal (same as last year)
 - Board policy majority vote for proposal
 - All state audition scale barrier
-
- Webmaster/Social Media applications open



MENTOR UPDATES

ABA program for new directors (1-3 years)

Mentee Sign Up:



Want to help? Mentor Sign Up:



BAND APP

Sign up to connect to our D5 in the Band App. https://band.us/n/a1abbcbaedJfj_

