ALABAMA BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION
ALL-STATE JAZZ BAND
PROCEDURES and INFORMATION 2026-2027

Deadline for Registration is October 30, 2026
Deadline for Recording Submissions is November 13, 2026
Audition Recordings can be uploaded between November 2-13, 2026

GENERAL INFORMATION

Students are invited to submit audition recordings in order to be considered for the All-State Jazz Band. The All-State Jazz Band festival is held in conjunction with the Alabama Music Educators Association In-Service Conference at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Complex (BJCC) from January 21-23, 2027. Selection for the Alabama All-State Jazz Bands is determined by a recorded audition that students prepare. Director should send recordings and payment to the ABA Jazz Education Division as listed below. A qualified panel of adjudicators will be judging student recordings. Band directors will then be notified of the selected students approximately three weeks after the deadline. Directors must be members of NAfME in order for their students to audition and participate in the All-State Jazz Bands.

CLINICIANS

We have a remarkable group of clinicians this year. We look forward to hosting them and having them work with our best jazz students in Alabama.

Charlton Singleton Gold Band
Oddie Liddell, Silver Band
Graham Bennett, Bronze Band
Matthew Cicero, Middle School Band

AUDITION PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION

Students in 9th-12th grades audition for the High School Jazz Bands. Students in 8th grade and below will audition for the Middle School Jazz Band (they may choose to audition at the high school level with director approval). The third-year provision is in effect for All State Jazz Band auditions. This means 9th graders in their third year of study may audition for the middle school band.

Directors must complete the online All State Jazz Registration and mail fees to Doug Farris, ABA Executive Secretary at the address listed below in order for students to audition. Online registration and payment must be received by October 30, 2026 . Please be careful with the spelling of student names as this data will be used throughout the audition and concert process. An invoice will be emailed to you upon completion of the online registration. Please login to alaband.org for more information.

Once the director has registered students online and registration payment has been received by the Executive Secretary. The director will receive their Snap audition registration. Directors will upload the audio file to the Snap platform.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

By October 30, 2026 , band directors should mail one registration fee check, made payable to:

Doug Farris
ABA Executive Secretary
3227 Sweetbriar Rd SW
Decatur, AL 35603

The audition fee is $20.00 per student along with the school fee of $20.00 per school. After completing the registration form, a receipt will be sent to the director. Directors should send the total amount from the invoice as one (1) check to the ABA Executive Secretary, Doug Farris. These fees must be postmarked no later than October 30, 2026.

Students who are chosen for the All-State Jazz Bands will be informed December 8, 2026. A $50.00 per student registration/participation fee must be sent to the ABA Jazz Education Chair before they can attend the event. Directors of accepted students should inform the ABA Jazz Education Chair of their decision by **December 11, 2026** to receive practice music files for their students or allow time to invite alternates to attend the event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us!
Kelvin Benion, Jazz Education Chair
kbenion@jefcoed.com

James Crumb, Jazz Education Vice-Chair
jcrumb@bhm.k12.al.us

The audition will be done in one file. It needs to include all the aspects of the audition. You will upload the file to the Snap audition platform on the students individual folder. Once it is uploaded, submit the file to the Snap audition platform.

The order of items on the recording for wind players, guitar, bass, vibraphone, and piano should be:

- Scales (played in the order listed)
- Etude
- Play-A-Long tunes (played in the order listed)

The order of items on the recording for drum set players should be:

- Patterns (played in the order listed)
- Etude
- Play-A-Long tunes (played in the order listed)

Once recordings are completed, submit all recordings to the Google Drive folder created by the Jazz Education Division. The school folder will be sent to the director after they have registered students using the email provided in the registration.
Google Drive school folders will be sent out no later than November 4, 2026.

Play-a-Long Backtracks

Audition backtracks have been added to the 'member's only' section of the alaband.org website to make sure students move from one play-a-long to the next more easily. Please review each individual instrument's audition procedures to

ensure students perform with the correct track.

AUDITION CHECKLIST FOR DIRECTORS

- Download individual audition information from the **alaband.org** and purchase any books from your local music dealer or from the sources listed on the individual instrument audition files.
- Be sure your students, private instructors, and parents have all needed materials and information. ● Complete the All State Jazz Band Audition Registration form by 11:59 PM on October 30 , 2026 . ● Have ONE Registration Payment covering all student and school fees postmarked no later than October 30, 2026.
- Review the Recording Procedures in this document.
- Upload your students' recordings to www.snapaudition.com by 11:59 PM on November 13, 2026.