

January 19th, 2010
To: Participating Band Directors
From: Paul McEntaffer
Re: NWIBA District Jazz Festival

Initial Schedule

The initial schedule is now available on the website. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Rules

You will have 20 minutes of time to play. Timing will begin with the first note. The official timer will be near the front of the performance area. If you are worried about running overtime, inform the timer to instruct you when you have one (1) minute remaining. Make sure you fill out 5 copies of each of these sheets and bring them with you to the Convention Center on the 3rd. There will be a check-in table for you to turn these forms in. You must use the proper forms. **Failure to use the proper forms will warrant disqualification.**

Judging

Judges will make written and verbal comments. There will be three judges assigned to each center. You have been mailed a sample ballot, but you do not need to bring ballots with you.

Judges are:

Larry Green, Dick Redman, Steve Lawson, Larry Kisor, Craig Crilly, Chris Crandall, Jim Gosnell, Tom Plummer and Jerry Betrand

As you can see, I have done my best to hire a great panel of judges. It should be a very educational day for everyone.

Logistics/Concessions/Parking/Admission

We are using the Sioux City Convention Center as our venue this year. Those of you that have been to the Iowa Jazz Championships will find that the rooms we are performing in are much like the gallery rooms at the Polk County Convention Center. Along with this letter, I have linked two maps of Sioux City to show you where the convention center is located. It is located in the Historic 4th District of Sioux City. Parking for Vans and support vehicles will be located in the rear of the Convention Center on the east side of the building. **After the busses drop students off, we will have busses park at the Tyson Event Center (Sioux City Auditorium)**

Admission to the event is \$5.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students K-12, and free for pre-K. Passes will be issued for 3 chaperons/drivers per bus. Students hands will be marked at the check-in table. This will allow the students into the event after their performance. NO student will be allowed into the venue without a

hand mark. There will be a completely stocked concession stand running at the convention center all day. A wide variety of food will be available for fans, band members and directors. There are also quite a few restaurants that are very close including Perkins, Chili's, Burger King, Subway, Hardees, Arby's along with local favorites Milwaukee Wiener House and Coney Island. Contest Headquarters will be located the Main office of the Convention Center Please look for the signs. You can pick up your packets at the Headquarters immediately after the awards ceremony at the conclusion of the day. Awards for the Middle School Classes will be held immediately following the final band in the middle school class. Awards for the High School Classes will be held at the conclusion of the day in Gallery 1.

Thank you for all you patience
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