



Florida Bandmasters Association

2025 State Solo & Ensemble MPA,
State Jazz MPA, and State Auxiliary MPA

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Northwest State MPA Site

Leon High School



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Welcome to Leon High School, Home of the Lions

If you have any questions or need additional information or assistance before you arrive, please contact Director of Bands Lee Commander at Lee.Commander@leonschools.net or Associate Director of Bands Curtis Newson at Lawrence.Newson@leonschools.net.

FBA Office

The FBA Office for all events is located in the Main Building, Room 106.

The FBA Office is for adjudicators and directors only. Drinks and snacks will be available for directors throughout the day.

Traveling From Out of Town

If you are traveling from out of town, the morning of the event, the City of Tallahassee has their Springtime Tallahassee parade, which closes down main roads in downtown Tallahassee typically from around 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with traffic getting backed up for about an hour or so after the roads have reopened. Therefore, we recommend taking the following route to avoid potential delays:

From West of Tallahassee:

1. Take I-10 East and exit at Exit 203.
2. At the light, go straight onto Raymond Diehl Road and proceed for 0.3 miles.
3. At the light, turn right onto US-319 (Capital Circle NE) and proceed south for 3.4 miles.
4. At the light, turn right on to US-90 (Mahan Drive) and proceed west for 3 miles
5. The main entrance to Leon High School will be on the right.

From East of Tallahassee:

1. Take I-10 West and exit at Exit 209A.
2. Take US-90 (Mahan Drive) west for 7.4 miles
3. The main entrance to Leon High School will be on the right.

Parking

Refer to the maps on pages 9 (full campus map) and 10 (Main Building map) of this packet.

All parking is on a first come, first served basis and is free of charge, including on-street parking around the campus.

Buses

All band buses can drop off band students in front of the Main Building by entering at the School Entrance. Buses can then park in the Junior Bowl.

Equipment Vehicles

Band equipment vehicles can enter via the bus ramp entrance (just west of the main School Entrance) to unload equipment. Equipment vehicles can then park in the Junior Bowl or Senior Bowl.

Attendees/Audience Vehicles

Attendees/audience members can park in a variety of locations:

- In front of the Main Building by entering at the School Entrance
- In the Senior Bowl (entrance on Terrace Street, just off of Tennessee Street)
- In the Dirt Bowl (entrance on Miccosukee Road)
- Along the street in the marked parking spots on Tennessee Street (school side, westbound traffic side)
- Along the street in the marked parking spots on Miccosukee Road (school side, northeastbound traffic side)

If you park in the Senior Bowl, you will have to climb three sets of 18 steps to the Main Building parking lot as well as the stairs up to the entrance of the Main Building.

Concessions

Concessions will be available in the area between the Main Building and the gym.

Available concessions will be hot dogs, chips, candy, and bottled water and soft drinks.

For large groups (e.g., Jazz Band, Auxiliary, etc.), consider pre-ordering a meal. The pre-order form is the last page of this packet.

Jazz MPA

Jazz MPA will take place in the Leon Performing Arts Theater, which is in the Main Building straight ahead when you enter the Main Building's main entrance. Jazz warmup will take place in the Media Center (in the Main Building, first floor).

Please read the following information for details:



LEON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

CURTIS NEWSON, Associate Director of Bands

550 East Tennessee Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32308

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Northwest Site Jazz Band Directors,

We are excited to host you and your band at the Northwest State Jazz MPA! Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a band guide who will help you logistically prepare for your performance. Your band guide will take you to Jazz Band case storage, which will be in a side room connected to the cafeteria. The warmup room is the Media Center and will be open to you 30 minutes before your performance time. From there, you will follow your band guide to the auditorium for your performance. When the performance is finished, your band guide will take you back to Jazz Band case storage.

In the warmup room, we will have a keyboard, drum set, chairs, and stands readily available. There are plenty of outlets for your rhythm section in warm up, but you will need to provide your own amplifiers, guitars, and basses. On stage, we will have a grand piano, keyboard, and drum set available upon request; however, none of them will be mic'd. There will also be two (2) solo microphones available in monitors that you can control on stage via a mixing board. Anything you want amplified aside from the soloists needs to be provided by you. For the winds, we have risers available as well as chairs and stands. We have enough risers to cover 8 feet deep by 16 feet wide on stage for the brass.

Please make sure to fill out a lunch order form in this packet if you need to order lunch for your students. If you have any questions, please contact me at Lawrence.Newson@leonschools.net. Thank you!

Curtis Newson
Associate Director of Bands
Leon High School

Auxiliary MPA

Auxiliary MPA will take place in the gym.

Performance Space (Gym)

The gym floor will be covered with a red floor protector. Groups that have their own floor are welcome to set up their floor on top of the preexisting floor protector.

We will have a sound system set up in the back of the gym to play your performance music.

So that we have your music in advance, PLEASE EMAIL ALL MUSIC TO Lee.Commander@leonschools.net.

Use this naming convention for your individual music files:

AUX ENTRY ID_ENTRY NAME_SCHOOL

For example: 12345_LeonHSFlaggers_LeonHS

Each group will have an announcement read on their behalf. Complete the announcer sheet found on page 13 of this packet.

Warmup Areas

There are several areas to warm up outside of the gym. Students are encouraged to find a grassy area on the campus where they can spin and warm up. For larger team practices, we encourage you to use our football field (made of artificial turf) to give you enough room to work.

Changing Rooms

There will be access to a dressing room, but please note that it is on a different floor from the performance area. There are also more easily accessible restrooms on the main floor. It should be noted that these restrooms are the same restrooms that the audience can use.

Solo & Ensemble MPA

With the exception of percussion, all solo and ensemble performances will take place in the Main Building. A map will be provided of the performance rooms when you arrive.

Warmup will be in the cafeteria (in the Bain Building), which is also the location of case storage.

Percussion Solos and Ensembles

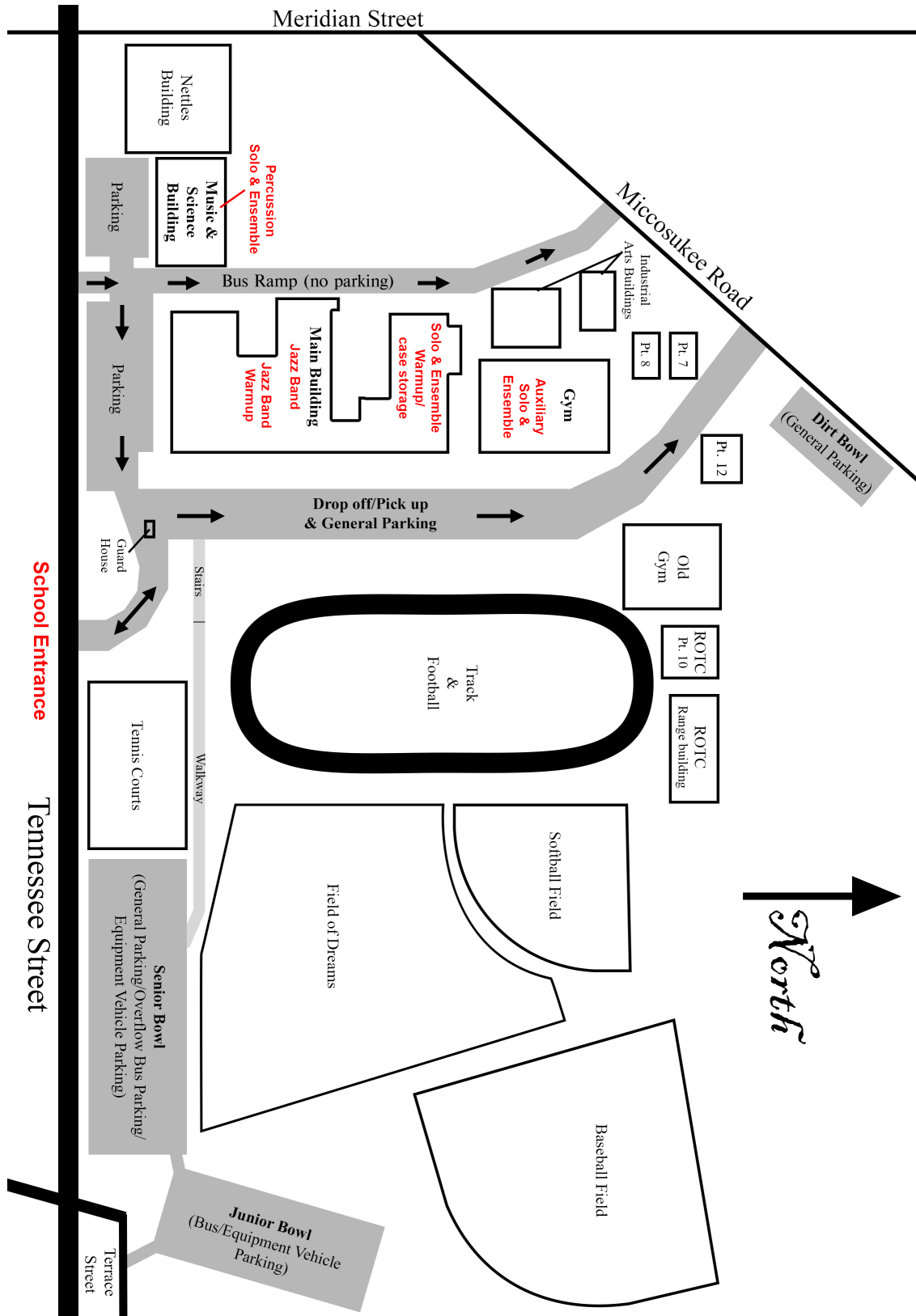
All percussion solos and ensembles will take place in the band room, which is in the Music and Science Building behind the Main Building. We are very happy to provide you with the following percussion instruments for your students:

Instrument	Size	Type	Brand
Marimba	5.0-octave	5 Octave Padauk	Majestic
Marimba	4.6-octave	Synthetic	Musser
Marimba	4.3-octave	Synthetic	Adams
Marimba	4.3-octave	Synthetic	Adams
Marimba	4.3-octave	Synthetic	Adams
Xylophone	3.5-octave	Synthetic	Adams
Xylophone	3.5-octave	Synthetic	Musser
Glockenspiel	3.3-octave	Steel, with damper pedal	Adams
Vibraphone	3.0-octave	Silver aluminum alloy, motorized	Majestic
Vibraphone	3.0-octave	Gold aluminum alloy, non-motorized	Musser
Chimes	1.5-octave	Brass	Majestic
Timpani	32-inch		Ludwig
Timpani	29-inch		Ludwig
Timpani	26-inch		Ludwig
Timpani	23-inch		Ludwig
Timpani	20-inch		Ludwig
Tam Tam			Zildjian

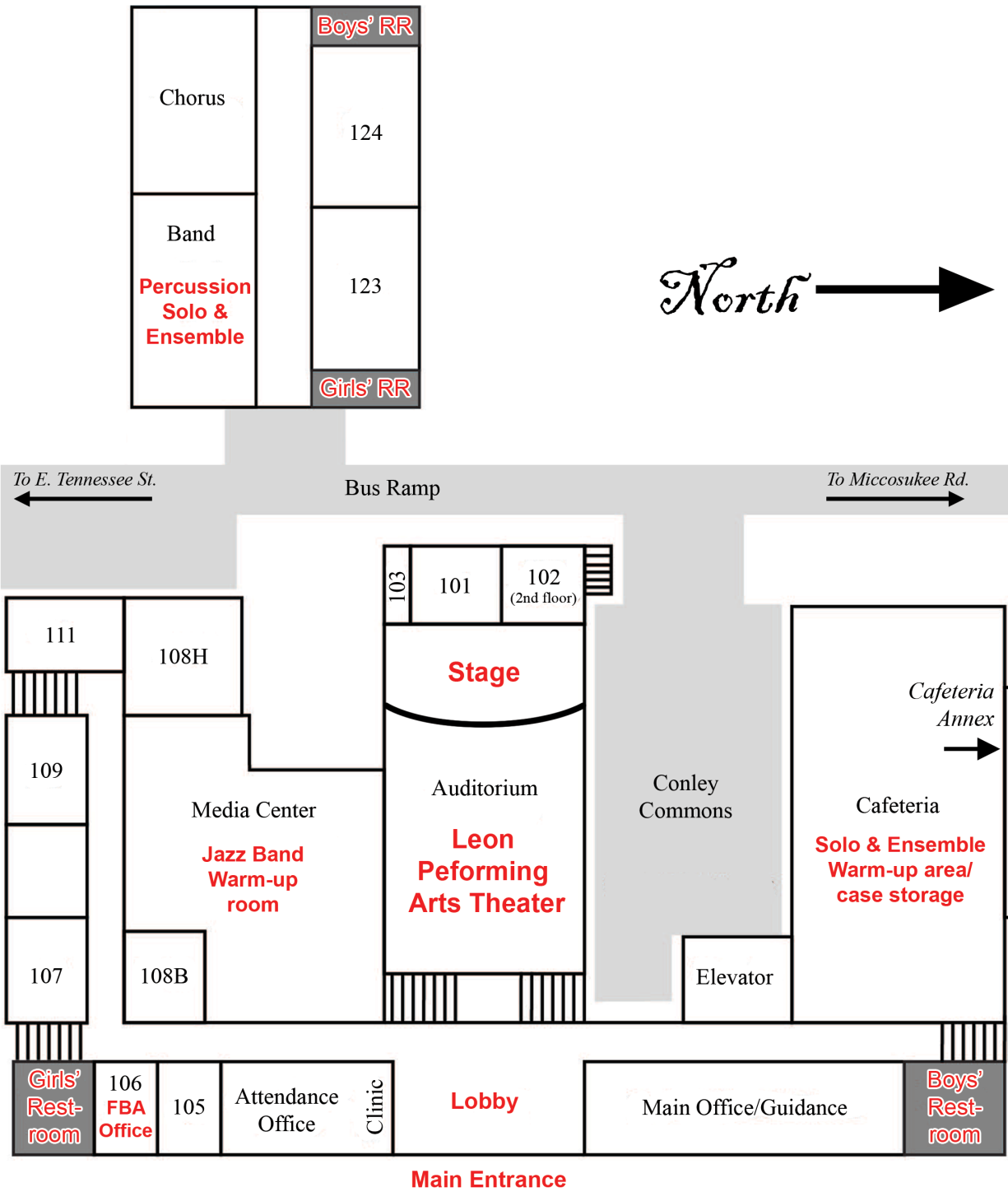
Please plan to bring any additional percussion instruments with you that we do not have on the list as well as all sticks, mallets, etc., that your students will need.

If you have any concerns or questions about percussion items or needs, please email Lee Commander at Lee.Commander@leonschools.net.

Site Map: Full Campus



Site Map: Main Building



Forms

Please complete the applicable forms on the following pages for:

- Jazz Band stage setup (page 12)
- Jazz Band announcer sheet (page 13)
- Auxiliary announcer sheet (page 14)
- Pre-order food for large groups (last page, unnumbered)

Send all forms to Lee Commander at Lee.Commander@leonschools.net.

FBA Northwest Site State Jazz MPA Setup

School and Ensemble Name: _____

Director Name: _____

Arrival Time: _____

Performance Time: _____

Please place a check beside the instruments you need Leon High School to provide:

- Vibraphone
- Grand piano
- Keyboard
- Drum set (snare, bass, crash, ride, rack tom, floor tom, hi-hat)

Risers will be set for where the brass would stand/sit.

Please draw your Jazz Band setup:



FBA Northwest State JAZZ BAND MPA

ANNOUNCER SHEET

Good morning / afternoon and welcome to Leon High School and the Florida Bandmasters Association State Jazz Band Music Performance Assessment. Please silence all mobile devices at this time. Flash photography is not permitted during the band's performance.

The next band to perform is the _____ from
band name

school name

The director(s) is/are _____
director(s) name(s)

Their principal is _____
principal name

They will be performing:

_____ by _____,
1st selection title *composer/arranger name*

_____ by _____,
2nd selection title *composer/arranger name*

_____ by _____,
3rd selection title *composer/arranger name*

Ladies and gentlemen, please give a warm welcome to the

school name and band name



FBA Northwest State Auxiliary MPA

ANNOUNCER SHEET

Student's Name: _____ Time: _____

Entry #: _____ School: _____

Our next performer is _____, Entry ID # _____
student's name *ID #*

performing a _____, from _____.
type of event *name of school*

_____, **this is your sound check.** **Wait for performer to
student's name acknowledge sound level **

Are the judges ready? ** Wait for positive reply from judges **

_____, **are you ready?** **Wait for acknowledgement **
student's name

You may begin your performance.

2025 FBA NW State Solo & Ensemble and Jazz MPA Food Pre-Order Form

Meal Order Form for March 29, 2025

Leon Band will provide a pre-packaged meal of a hot dog or burger—hamburger, cheeseburger, or veggie burger—with chips and drink for \$7.00 per student.

On site, only hot dogs, chips, candy, and drinks will be available. All band students should pay their band directors for their order, and the band director will submit the total amount to Leon Band.

Band Information

School Name: _____

Band Director Name: _____

Band Director Email Address: _____

Order

Please indicate the number of each hot dog/burger and the number of gluten free (GF) buns (if applicable) for each burger. Hot dogs do not have a gluten-free bun option.

_____ # of Hot Dogs

+ _____ # of Hamburgers _____ # of GF buns for hamburgers

+ _____ # of Cheeseburgers _____ # of GF buns for cheeseburgers

+ _____ # of Veggie Burgers _____ # of GF buns for veggie burgers

= _____ Total # of Meals

× \$7.00 per meal

= _____ Total due to Leon Band (Cash or check due the day of the festival.
Checks should be made payable to “Leon Band Boosters”.)

Please submit this form to Lee Commander no later than **Tuesday, March 25, 2025**, at:

Lee.Commander@leonschools.net

For Office Use Only

_____ # of regular hot dog buns

_____ # of regular burger buns _____ # of GF burger buns

