



## FSUS BANDS

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### FBA STATE JAZZ MPA (NORTHWEST)

Directors: Welcome to Florida High and the FBA State Jazz and Solo & Ensemble MPA! Our administration, parents, and students are excited to host you and your students for these special events. Below you will find information to help make your visit to our campus go smoothly.

#### **Information for Jazz**

1. Students, Directors, and spectators should enter the main parking lot off of School House Road coming from Four Oaks Blvd. Directors should look for the Florida High or Tau Beta Sigma (FSU) band guides to check in and be escorted to the proper location. [Map for Jazz MPA](#)
2. Buses should use the entrance closest to the Auditorium building. Entering here guarantees the quickest and most convenient way to get to the drop off loop located right next to the auditorium. Reassure your bus drivers that the left turn is doable, but you'll notice a larger drop off loop to the right if needed. After buses drop off, then they can exit through the same entrance, turn left, then take the last left which takes you to the bus parking lot.
  - 2a. Band guides will take your judge's envelopes from you when you go to warm-up. **Please hold onto your scores until your official warm-up time.**
3. All jazz bands should leave all cases on the bus. We will have storage for rhythm section equipment in the STEAM building next to the warm up area in the chorus/orchestra room. Case storage for solo & ensemble will be in the cafeteria.
4. The following instruments/equipment will be provided on stage: Grand piano, 2-tiered risers, vibraphone, a rug for your drum set, power, and one microphone hooked up to the house system for you to use for announcing and solos at YOUR discretion. **\*\*Please note: We are not providing a drum set\*\***
5. Warm up will be held in the band room. Bands will transition to the stage via the STEAM building hallway.
6. Music stands, chairs, grand piano, and one house microphone (through the house system) will be provided for each ensemble. Each ensemble will be responsible for any other instruments/equipment needed for their performance. **Please remember your trombone and/or upright bass stools.**
7. Attached is the jazz band announcer form – please select a student to make your announcement prior to your performance. **There will not be an announcer provided for bands.**
8. Please make a seating chart for your jazz band and put it in this [Google folder](#)
9. If needed before your performance, the FBA office is located in the media center next to the cafeteria.
10. Please encourage your students and families to arrive early and/or stay after your school's performance time to enjoy other performances!
11. Concessions (Burgers, Snacks, Drinks) will be available in the gym concession stand – please encourage your families to patronize the concessions. If you want to pre-order burger meals, please complete [the Combo order form](#) by Wednesday March 25th.

**FBA State Jazz MPA Script**

**Please silence all electronic devices at this time, and refrain from any movement during a band's performance. Flash photography is not permitted, as it would pose a distraction to the performers on stage.**

**The next band to perform this evening is the:**

**From:  
Florida:**

**The Director(s) is/are:**

**The Principal is:**

**Performance Selections Include:**

**Title:**

**By:**

**Title:**

**By:**

**Title:**

**By:**

**Ladies and Gentlemen, please give a warm welcome to the:**



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### FBA STATE SOLO & ENSEMBLE (NORTHWEST)

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#### 2. PERCUSSION

Large percussion equipment will enter into Building 9, through the right side bus loop shown in the map above. Please note that moving equipment must be done in between events - do not barge into this room.

The following percussion instruments will be provided in the S&E percussion room **(PLEASE NOTE: No snare drums or drumsets will be provided in any room. Students using snare drums or drum sets must bring their own.)**

#### **Percussion Equipment Provided:**

5 Timpani  
2 Marimbas  
2 Xylophones  
1 Vibraphone  
1 Glockenspiel  
Concert Bass Drum  
Tam-Tam  
Chimes

3. Our band parents will have a welcome/check-in table for all guests at the entrance of the school. Guides will be around campus to help visitors locate the cafeteria (for warm-up/case storage) and performance rooms. Volunteers will be dressed in black and stationed around campus.

4. The cafeteria will be the “hub” for your students. This is where case storage and warm-up will be. Performance rooms are located at various walking distances from the cafeteria. We hope that your students and parents will visit our concession stand throughout the weekend located in the gym.

4a. Concessions (Burgers, Snacks, Drinks) will be available in the gym concession stand – please encourage your families to patronize the concessions. We are working on cashless pay option, so please have cash on hand. If you want to pre-order burger meals, please complete [the Combo order form](#) by Wednesday March 25th.

5. The FBA office and the directors' lounge will be in the Media Center located in the center of campus (right between the gym/cafeteria and the performance rooms. Sheets will be delivered here and directors will check-out here.

6. A complete rooming list will be linked here once the schedule is complete.



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### **FBA STATE AUXILIARY SOLO & ENSEMBLE (NORTHWEST)**

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2. Audio will be provided via auxiliary cord through a PA/speaker system. Each school should have all of the audio tracks for each of their performers on **ONE** device that can be played via auxiliary cord (adapter/dongle may be necessary). The speaker will also be Bluetooth compatible, but an aux cord will be on hand just in case.
3. There will be a designated warm-up area right outside the gym in the grassy area. There will also be some space between the gym and cafeteria. Please be conscious of music volume during warm-up in consideration of performers inside.
4. We will have students available to help in any way needed throughout the event. Winterguard floors can be wheeled in through the S&E drop off loops as shown on the map.
7. Please encourage your students/families to arrive early and/or stay after your school's performance to enjoy other performances! Students have a lot to learn from attending this event as spectators just as much as being performers! Please stay and support those from other schools!
8. Concessions (Burgers, Snacks, Drinks) will be available in the gym concession stand – please encourage your families to patronize the concessions. We are working on cashless pay option, so please have cash on hand. If you want to pre-order burger meals, please complete [the Combo order form](#) by Wednesday March 25th.

If you have any questions specifically for Auxiliary S&E, please contact [agriffis@fsu.edu](mailto:agriffis@fsu.edu)

We hope this will help you and your students have a positive experience for State S&E. If you need more information or need help the day of the event, please call/text at the numbers below. We look forward to seeing everyone and wish the best of luck to your students!

Sincerely,

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**Auxiliary MPA Script**

**The next performance will be by:**

**From:**

*Please hold for sound check.*

**\*SOUND CHECK – MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE AUDIO HERE AND ASK THE PERFORMER IF THE VOLUME IS GOOD AND IF THE TRACK IS CORRECT\***

**Is the Performer ready?**

**Is the Judge ready?**

**EXAMPLE:**

**Auxiliary MPA Script**

**The next performance will be by: *Erin Howard***

**From: *Florida High***

*Please hold for a sound check.*

**\*SOUND CHECK – MAKE SURE TO CHECK THE AUDIO HERE AND ASK THE PERFORMER IF THE VOLUME IS GOOD AND IF THE TRACK IS CORRECT\***

**Is the Performer ready? \*Performer should give indication of yes or no\***

**Is the Judge ready? \*Judge should give thumbs up\***