

Qualification and Eligibility:

1. Each school is permitted only one ensemble.
2. Participating bands must have received a performance average score of 90 or above at a recognized NMMEA district festival in one of the previous two years. Example: A band that received an average score of 90 or above during the previous school year at a district festival would qualify to enter the contest. Bands that received an average score of 90 or better in the previous year's state contest are automatically qualified for the contest. Any ensemble that has met qualification requirements within the previous school year must submit registrations by the requested deadline for scheduling. It is easier to remove an ensemble from the schedule than to add one. If a band does not meet entry requirements prior to the registration deadline but qualifies at a district festival held after the entry deadline, they may still be considered for entry into the contest by contacting Dana Pappas at the NMAA. **Late/additional registrations will only be considered if a band did not meet eligibility prior to the registration deadline.** Directors must contact the NMAA Band Vice President and Dana Pappas within 24 hours after their district performance and participation/entry is subject to availability.
3. To be scheduled for performance, all ensembles must participate in their most recent district MPA prior to the State Contest. If their district MPA occurs after the State Contest, the ensemble must be currently registered to participate in their district MPA. The NMAA/NMMEA officials may make exemptions; these situations will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Any ensemble wishing to perform at the State Contest that is not able to participate in their District MPA must file a petition with the NMAA to be approved by the NMAA Band Advisory Committee **prior to the registration deadline.**
4. The NMAA Concert Band Contest is open to all NMAA Member High Schools. NMAA Member Middle Schools have their competition the day before the State Concert Band Contest. NMAA scholastic eligibility requirements must be adhered to by all participating members. All performers must be eligible student participants of the band in which they are performing; adults are not permitted to perform.