



Parade Guidelines

Parade Bands will be classified by age of performers. High School bands will then also be divided by the number of musicians (including percussion) in the band. The number of color guard members should not be included in this total.

Junior High/Middle School	Grades 6-9; No enrollment requirements
Junior/Senior High School	Grades 6-12; No enrollment requirements
High School Class A	Grades 9-12; 49 or less musicians
High School Class AA	Grades 9-12; 50 to 84 musicians
High School Class AAA	Grades 9-12; 85 or more musicians

High School Bands are permitted to move from their class to a class with higher enrollment, but never to a class with lower enrollment. If participant numbers drop drastically bands may move to a lower class up to three weeks before the event. After the three week deadline, no changes can be made.

Clinics are not provided for Parade Bands.

Most parade performances are a “pass and review” in the parking lot, or around the track at the host school. Please contact your festival director for specific details about your event.

Scoring System

In is the position of FESTIVALS OF MUSIC that music is the most important aspect of the performance, with marching as the presentation and visual enhancement of the program.

Music Performance	60 Points
Visual/Marching Performance	40 Points

Performance Rules

At least 300’ prior to the judging area, the band will be met by a festival official. Bands are NOT permitted to stop before entering the judging area to check alignment or to set-up. The festival official may instruct the Drum Major to hold to allow clearance time for the preceding band to exit the judging area or allow the judges’ time to complete the scoring of the previous band.

Bands are not permitted to stop inside the judging area, forward motion must be maintained. No routines are permitted within the judging area that would hinder the forward movement of the group.

Judging shall cease at the end of the judging area.

Bands are reminded that they should be playing as the first member of the band or band front crosses the starting line and continue playing until all members have crossed the end line.

Units are urged to carry an identifiable banner with the name of the school indicated.

Dropped equipment will not be specifically penalized by may after the general score of the performance.

Adjudicator Packets are not required for Parade Bands.