



MISSOURI BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION

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IMPORTANT DATES

All-State Band Registration Window

November 4-25, 2025

All-State Band Auditions

December 6, 2025

All-State Paperwork Due

December 16, 2025

All-State Payments Due

January 13, 2026

All-State Band/MMEA

January 28-31, 2026

MBA Summer Convention

June 14-17, 2026

FREE RESOURCE

Looking for an easy way to keep your band room running smoothly from the first bell to the last? Check out this free resource: [BOD-EOD Band Room Setup and Tear Down Checklist](#). You can use it as-is or adapt it to fit your own classroom needs.

If you're interested in more ideas like this, explore Streamlining Success: Sustainable Systems and Resources for Band Program Planning and Management from the summer convention on our website, or reach out to Dobie Carroll at tcarroll@ncsd.k12.mo.us

Our Website Got a Makeover!

The MBA website just leveled up! 🎉 We've kept everything you love—convention info, award details, resources, newsletters, and more—but wrapped it all in a fresh new design that's faster, easier to navigate, and more accessible than ever. Same link, brand new vibe: missouribandmasters.org.

You'll see even more updates roll out over the next year, so keep checking back—and we hope you enjoy the new view! Got an idea for what you'd like to see on the site? Tell us—we're all ears!

You've Got This

Some folks head into the new school year buzzing with excitement. Others feel those "Sunday Scaries" creeping in. Either way—you're human, and both feelings are perfectly okay. What matters is remembering why you chose this job in the first place: you love music, you love teaching, and you love watching your students grow. Mental health matters, so give yourself grace on the tough days and soak up the joy on the good ones. Look for those little sparks—a great run-through, a student's "aha!" moment, a shared laugh in rehearsal—and let them fuel you. You've got this. Your students are lucky to have you.

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The Missouri Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE) has long supported MBA through All-State Band clinicians, convention speakers, and arts advocacy. Due to reduced government funding, MAAE now needs our help to continue providing this support.

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