

BUILDING BETTER BANDS

Missouri Bandmasters Association



IMPORTANT DATES

NOVEMBER 7-21
ALL STATE BAND
REGISTRATION

DECEMBER 2, 2023
STATE BAND AUDITIONS

JANUARY 24-27, 2024
MMEA

JUNE 16-19, 2024
MBA SUMMER
CONVENTION

Mentorship: What Can You Do?

The pictures above show true mentorship. The picture on the left is Colonel Don Schofield presenting at the MBA Summer Convention. The picture on the right is him talking with the 1st-3rd year teachers at the new teacher luncheon.

Who are your mentors? Do they know they are your mentor? Do you have people that have inspired you and made you want to be a band director? Of course you do! That is why you are in this field. We all need people we can go to for advice, and if you are in a small school, this is not necessarily your "district assigned mentor." If you do not have a mentor, right now, find a program you admire and ask the director if they will help you. It may not feel comfortable, but it is a great way for you to grow.

If you have been teaching for a few years, you have something to offer the newer teachers around you. Reach out to the new teachers in your area and offer help.

Classroom management, literature selection, inventory, purchase orders, contest, competitions, and many other topics just become part of what we do, but for a new teacher they are overwhelming. Go find that young teacher and make a difference in their life.

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MMEA New Teacher Conference

September 17-18, MMEA is sponsoring a free two-day, on-site conference at the Tan-Tar-A Conference Center. This is a nationally recognized opportunity for high quality, discipline specific professional development.

This New Teacher Conference is geared towards first through third year teachers and is a great time to meet experienced teachers in your specific discipline as well as the MMEA Board of Directors. You will also get connected with the people you will spend your entire career with!

The conference is free of charge with meals provided by MMEA. Lodging is your only cost. Talk to your administration now about professional development funds for this conference. [MORE INFORMATION HERE!](#)



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