



Iowa High School Music Association

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TO: ADMINISTRATORS - MUSIC STAFF OF MEMBER HIGH SCHOOLS
RE: CLASSIFICATIONS – CALENDAR - INVITATION TO HOST IHSMA FESTIVAL

Enclosed are the “Invitation to Host an IHSMA Festival” and the IHSMA classifications for the 2017-2018 school year based upon the preliminary BEDS information recently received in this office. This information **MUST** be shared with your music staff and activity director in order to coordinate your school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year.

Music festival dates for the 2017-2018 school year are as follows:

October 7/14	All classes	State Marching Band
October 21	All classes	All-State Auditions
October 25	All classes	All-State Piano Auditions
November 16-18	All classes	All-State Festival
January 22	All classes (north half)	Jazz Band
January 27	All classes (south half)	Jazz Band
January 29	All Classes	Show Choir (afternoon/evening)
February 5	All Classes	Jazz Choir (afternoon/evening)
March 24	Class 3A	Solo-Small Ensemble
April 7	Class 2A	Solo-Small Ensemble
April 14	Classes 4A/1A	Solo-Small Ensemble
May 4	Classes 3A/1A	Large Group (evening)
May 4	Classes 4A/2A	Large Group Orchestras in Quad Cities Area
May 5	Classes 4A/2A	Large Group

REMINDERS:

1. Member schools may participate in the next larger classification by submitting a letter of request bearing the signature of the music staff and a high school administrator. **Submit this letter prior to May 22 so planning for the upcoming year can be completed accurately prior to summer vacation.**
2. **IMPORTANT:** Schools not in session the week prior or the week following the assigned IHSMA Solo/Small Ensemble Festival date may petition the IHSMA to participate on one of the other 2 IHSMA Solo/Small Ensemble Festival dates. All petitions must be signed by the school’s administration and submitted no later than May 22. Accepted petitions will be grouped by classification when reasonable groupings exist; otherwise schools will be grouped with schools from the next higher or lower classification. 4A schools petitioning to participate on the Class 2A date will NOT be grouped with Class 2A schools. There must be enough Class 4A schools (3 or more within a reasonable geographic distance) requesting the Class 2A date to create a separate Class 4A festival grouping.

Class 4A	=	600+ students in grades 9-11
Class 3A	=	275 - 599 students in grades 9-11
Class 2A	=	150 - 274 students in grades 9-11
Class 1A	=	149 or less students in grades 9-11

2016-2017 has been a year of outstanding high school music performances and participation. Thank you for your efforts in enriching the lives of Iowa students.

Sincerely yours,

Alan Greiner, Executive Director

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