

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY
CYCLONE HONOR BAND FESTIVAL
2023

ABOUT THE HONOR BANDS AND THE EVENT...

We are proud to announce that we will have two superb honor bands this year! We are excited about this format and our two outstanding conductors.

Our intention is to make the Gold Band the finest high school honor band ever assembled in our state. Both bands will continue to be on the smaller side. The Gold Band will have approximately 70 members and the Cardinal Band will have about 100-110 members.

The GOLD BAND will be conducted by the renowned conductor, Ruud Pletting. Ruud conducts several professional and school bands in Amsterdam. Membership in this ensemble will be limited to the finest musicians in the state. Students should be a member of the All-State Band for inclusion in this ensemble. We realize the All-State selection process is not perfect. If you have a student that you feel is truly outstanding you may submit their name(s) but be sure to document the student's accomplishments.

Students not selected for the GOLD BAND will automatically be considered for the CARDINAL BAND, and will take precedence over your nominations for the Cardinal Band.

The CARDINAL BAND will be conducted by Byron Tinder, who is a superb music educator and Director of Bands at Gilbert High School (IA). Recommend your outstanding student musicians for this group; preferably sophomores, juniors and seniors, All-State or Honor Band caliber; serious students in your program who have already achieved success in music or who show outstanding promise and potential.

MUSIC will be sent electronically to all participants with the acceptance notification – and in your hands by December 15. The festival will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, February 3 and conclude with the final concert on Saturday, February 4 at 3:00 pm.

There is a charge per student of \$22 for participation in the Cyclone Honor Bands. There are no meals provided in the cost of registration. If your student(s) would like to eat dinner on Friday at our University Dining Center (all you can eat – wide variety of food options) – that cost is \$14.30 and they can purchase that ticket at the Dining Center.

PLEASE NOTE: Once your students are selected (forms are due to us by December 6), we ask you to please pay **non-refundable** participation fees in advance. **FEES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 27.**

The honor bands concert will be held at Stephens Auditorium on Saturday, February 4 at 3:00 p.m. Admission to the concert for non-participants is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children, students, and senior citizens over 65. Each director in attendance will receive one complimentary ticket to this concert.