

Kansas Bandmaster's Middle Level Honor Band Permission Slip

Your student has expressed interest in attending the 2017 Kansas Bandmaster's Association Middle Level Honor Band. This event will be held in Wichita on Friday, July 21, at the Marriott Hotel. KBA's Middle Level Honor Band takes place during the KBA Annual Convention, and it has become one of the best opportunities available to the middle school students in our state. Ralph Ford will be the 2017 clinician, and he is nationally recognized as one of the premier composers for middle level bands. This will be an unforgettable experience for your student, and one that is sure to motivate them during the summer months.

If a student is accepted for the KBA Honor Band, a participation fee of \$40.00 will be due upon registration for the event. This registration fee includes lunch at the Marriott Hotel. Parents will also be asked to provide transportation to and from the event, as well as overnight lodging and meals if you feel it is necessary.

Registration begins at 8:00 am, and the concert will be held at 4:30 in the afternoon. I will be at the convention to supervise our students, but parents are encouraged to be a part of the day as well. A special clinic is held in the morning for band parents, and you will receive information about supporting school music programs and improving student motivation. Parents are also invited to visit the exhibits provided by the Kansas Music Merchants.

Please note that I can only nominate students at this time. Students from across the state will be judged based on a "paper audition," and past accomplishments will be considered by the KBA Honor Band Committee. This letter is not a guarantee that your student will make the band. It is simply a way for me to see what parents are willing to send their student if they are accepted.

Nominations are due by Wednesday, April 19, and I must have this permission slip by Monday, April 17 for your student to be considered for a nomination. Results and music will be mailed before school is dismissed for the summer.

If you have any questions that I have not answered please contact me at the school. I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I give permission for _____ to be nominated for the KBA Middle Level Honor Band Clinic in Wichita, Kansas on July 21. I understand the obligation to pay for food, travelling, and participation fees associated with this honor band.

Parent Signature

Date