

MHSAA State Championships
Northwest Rankin High School
October 31, 2026

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

4:00PM Practice Ends
Load as much as possible

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:30AM Band Hall opens/Buses spot
7:00 In seats ready for final assignments
Students wear comfortable clothes for the trip. You must have your travel uniform on under whatever you wear for easy changing close to NWRHS.
Uniform bags should be in the bus cabin with you for the trip.
7:30 Load buses
7:45 Leave HHS
11:00 Arrive at Northwest Rankin High School
5875 MS-25
Flowood, MS 39232
Unload
STUDENTS WILL EAT A BOXED MEAL
12:30 Line up
CHAPERONES WILL PASS OUT WATER
12:40 Staging
12:45 Warm up begins
1:30 Depart Warm Up
1:40 Gate
1:45 Perform
2:00 Back to trailers
Organize equipment neatly next to trailers
CHAPERONES WILL PASS OUT WATER
2:45 Back to the stadium to watch other bands
Students should wear full uniform
STUDENTS CAN GET CONCESSIONS/MERCHANDISE AT THIS TIME
5:45 Prelims Retreat - Drum Majors Only

IF WE MAKE FINALS, we will then decide when we need to warm up. We will perform again that night. If we do not make finals, we will come home at this point.

6:15 Back to busses for instructions
STUDENTS WILL EAT A BOXED MEAL
CHAPERONES WILL PASS OUT WATER FOR FINALS WARM UP
8:00 Earliest finals performance time
10:15 Finals Awards Ceremony - Full band retreat
10:45 Load trailers
12:00AM Leave Northwest Rankin HS
2:30 Arrive at HHS (*DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME CHANGE*)
Unload and clean buses

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Eat breakfast. This is going to be an EXTREMELY long day.
- Be on time!!! Being late causes unneeded stress.
- We will load the trailers after rehearsal on Friday before the away game.
- Students can bring money for concessions/merchandise if they want. Boxed meals will be provided for lunch and dinner.
- We will wear full uniforms (travel shorts, bibbers, compression shirt, competition top, gloves, tall black socks, band shoes, hat, and hair done)
- This is a CONTEST not a FESTIVAL. The difference is that we will be competing AGAINST other bands. We will be VERY SUPPORTIVE of all other bands. We are simply there to do the best we can.
- Everything we have done up to this point has been to prepare for this event! Prepare yourself to take care of your responsibility.
- Middle School Band Helpers - Wear bibbers, compression shirt, tall black socks, and band shoes. If it is cold, feel free to wear black, long-sleeve shirts under your compression shirt.