



September 2, 2026

TO: High School District Superintendents, Principals, and Music Instructors
FROM: Local Initiatives and Innovation
SUBJECT: Grand Night Band, Orchestra, and Choir

The following is information regarding the high school "It's a Grand Night for Music" Band, Orchestra, and Choir. The "It's a Grand Night for Music" program is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday, January 26, 2027** beginning at 7:00pm at the Dignity Health Convention Center. Schools and districts are billed for participation in this event (following the event) in accordance with the established music festival funding formula.

Responsibilities of participating school instructors and administration include:

- Screening of participants to ensure that all applicants are able to attend all rehearsals and the performance.
- Providing adequate student supervision for all rehearsals and the performance.

ORCHESTRA: Auditions: Monday, December 07, 2026– East Bakersfield High School, 5:00PM-8:00PM

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| • Saturday, Jan 9 -Rehearsal #1 | Bakersfield HS 8:30AM-12:30PM |
| • Saturday, Jan 23 -Rehearsal #2 | Bakersfield HS 8:30AM-12:30PM |
| • Monday, Jan 25 -Rehearsal #3 | Bakersfield HS 1:00PM-5:00PM |
| • Tuesday, Jan 26 -Dress Rehearsal | Dignity Health Center 9:30AM-1:30PM |
| • Tuesday, Jan 26 - Concert | Dignity Health Center 7:00PM |

→ For further information, call the Orchestra Co-Chairperson, Jimmie Taliaferro , at Highland High School, 661-304-2864
E-mail: Jimmie_Taliaferro@kernhigh.org

BAND: Auditions: Monday, December 07, 2026– East Bakersfield High School, 5:30PM-9:00PM

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| • Saturday, Jan 9 -Rehearsal #1 | Bakersfield HS 8:30AM-12:30PM |
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→ For further information, call the Band Chairperson, Kevin Brady, at North High School, 661-399-3351, x75820
E-mail: Kevin_Brady@kernhigh.org

CHOIR: CHOIR DIRECTORS: Choir lists are due to the chair by December 18, 2026

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| • Saturday, Jan 9 -Rehearsal #1 | Bakersfield HS 9:00AM-12:00PM |
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→ For further information, call the Choir Chairperson, Rebecca Spickler, at Stockdale High School, 661-854-5561, x62055
Email: Rebecca_Spicklerl@kernhigh.org

Attached are student participant application forms. Applications are due at the auditions. Copy as needed. Please encourage your students to participate in this outstanding educational opportunity. If you have any questions, please call Christine Goedhart-Humphrey, Student Events Coordinator, at the Kern County Superintendent of Schools Office, (661) 636-4330.

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“It’s a Grand Night for Music” Application Form
BAND/CHORUS/ORCHESTRA

In order for the student to be eligible to audition, **the student must be enrolled and in good standing in their school instrumental/vocal group where available.** The Grand Night for Music application must be signed by the parent and returned to the music teacher for required school signatures.

 LAST NAME FIRST NAME
 (Please TYPE or PRINT all information legibly)

 GRADE DATE

 EMAIL ADDRESS

 ADDRESS

 CELL PHONE NUMBER

 SCHOOL DISTRICT

 SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER

Group student applying for: (please circle all that apply) Band Orchestra Chorus

(Students selected for more than one group are placed at the discretion of the chairs. If there are preferences, please indicate in comments below.)

To Band and Orchestra: I would play in another group if asked: YES NO

AUDITIONING FOR - INSTRUMENT: _____

APPLYING FOR CHORUS - PART: (Circle) SOPRANO ALTO TENOR BASS

	ORCHESTRA	BAND	CHORUS
+ Mon. Dec. 07, 2026	East Bakersfield HS AUDITIONS: 5:30PM- 9:00PM	East Bakersfield HS AUDITIONS: 5:30PM -9:00PM	-----
+ Sat. Jan. 09 rehearsal	Bakersfield HS: 8:30AM-12:30PM	Bakersfield HS: 8:30AM-12:30PM	Bakersfield HS: 9:00AM-12:00PM
+ Sat. Jan. 23 rehearsal	Bakersfield HS: 8:30AM-12:30PM	Bakersfield HS: 8:30AM-12:30PM	Bakersfield HS: 9:00AM- 12:00PM
+ Mon. Jan. 25 rehearsal	Bakersfield HS: 1:00PM-5:00PM	Bakersfield HS: 1:00PM – 5:00PM	Bakersfield HS: 1:00PM – 5:00PM
+ Tues. Jan. 26 rehearsal	Dignity Health Center: 9:30AM – 1:30PM	Dignity Health Center: 9:30AM – 1:30PM	Dignity Health Center: 9:30AM – 1:30PM
+ Tues. Jan. 26 CONCERT	Dignity Health Center: 7:00PM	Dignity Health Center: 7:00PM	Dignity Health Center: 7:00PM

It is understood that, if selected, all participants are required to attend all rehearsals and the concert.

Note: It is our desire to share the achievements of students with the broader community through publications, the local media, websites and social media. This effort will include a large group photo and possible video or audio recordings, which will involve all participants. Some participants may be included in additional small groups or candid photos, or interviews for local media. If you do not want your child to be included in these small groups or candid photos, or quoted by local media, please check the following opt-out box. ☐

The following approval is required for participation, and signatures reflect acceptance of all decisions made by the Grand Night for Music chairpersons regarding placement in the Honor groups as final:

 STUDENT SIGNATURE

 PARENT (GUARDIAN) SIGNATURE

 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR SIGNATURE

NOTE: Schools and districts are billed for participation in this event as is established in the Music Festival funding formula.

 SCHOOL MUSIC TEACHER SIGNATURE

NOTE: Student must be enrolled and in good standing in their school instrumental/vocal group where available and teacher is encouraged to be a current member of KCMEA.

COMMENTS:

KCMEA# _____



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Choir Information

IT IS EXPECTED THAT ALL DIRECTORS WHO HAVE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE "IT'S A GRAND NIGHT FOR MUSIC" CHOIR WILL BE INVOLVED IN ALL REHEARSALS.

The GN student participation list for your choir is **due to the Chair by December 18, 2026**. Please make every attempt to send a balanced group in terms of numbers per part.

Please email your **choir student list** to Rebecca Spickler at Stockdale High School
- rebecca_spicklerl@kernhigh.org

Call Rebecca with questions (661-854-5561, x62055). Include student participant names and parts SATB. Music will be ordered following receipt of your list.

"It's a Grand Night for Music"
Festival Choir 2027 Kern County, CA
January 27, 2027