



Fayetteville High School
Marching Bulldog Band and Guard
994 W. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701



Dear MCCGA Members and Performers:

We are so excited to welcome you to the Fayetteville High School campus for the only MCCGA show in Arkansas! Whether it's your first time visiting our campus, or a return visit, we hope that you will enjoy your time in our facilities and in Fayetteville.

Our facilities are state of the art and offer excellent venues for our performers in regard to housing, warm-up and performances. Our spectators will enjoy our full arena with plenty of seating and vantage points at three sides of the performance area.

We will offer a full concession stand including pizza, hot dogs, BBQ Chicken sandwiches, Tropical Smoothie smoothies, nachos, candy, sodas, water, coffee, and sweet and unsweet tea. As with any MCCGA show, this event will help to fund our program and ensure future events like this one. Please encourage your students and parents to partake in our concessions. **Per MCCGA and School Policy, no outside food or drink is allowed anywhere on our campus.**

Our building is only a few years old and we ask that you remind your students to be respectful of our facilities. Helping us maintain them will ensure our ability to host units like yours at events like this in the future. Custodians will be on hand throughout the day to make sure all facilities are stocked, but please encourage your members to pick up after themselves and keep any areas they use for housing, changing, and hair/make-up as orderly as possible.

Due to the start time of our show, we ask that guests not arrive prior to 10:00 a.m. Doors will remain locked until that point.

Our staff, student and parent volunteers, and our administration are thrilled to welcome you to our school and hope you have an enjoyable experience while with us. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Trey Antonetti and the FHS Band and Color Guard
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Unit Check-In:

Units will check-in at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) lobby, located to the right of the outdoor staircase in the center of the building. There will be signs throughout the campus guiding you to different sites. Signs indicating performer flow will be GREEN. It is not necessary for you to bring the entire unit to check-in, but they will need to utilize the PAC Doors to get to their housing site.

Spectator Entrance:

Spectators will enter through the Arena Complex lobby, located opposite the Performer Entrance to the left of the outdoor staircase in the center of the building. There will be signs throughout the campus guiding you to different sites. Signs indicating Spectator flow will be YELLOW. Please help our volunteers out by reminding you're the guests of your program that **NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK (Including Starbucks) IS PERMITTED.**

Buses and Equipment Trucks:

You will unload all large props and equipment in the Southwest corner of the main parking lot located in front of the Arena Complex off of Stadium Drive. Buses and Large Equipment trucks will park North of campus across Bulldog Blvd. near our Football field and athletic complexes. This lot is where many of our students park during the year and is within a short walking distance of the school, but it is recommended that you drop off props before going to park. **Please note** that while our drop-off lot will accommodate buses, box trucks, and large vehicles, it will not accommodate semis. If you plan to utilize a semi-truck, please contact us immediately so that we may coordinate a plan for your unit.

Prop Storage:

Large equipment, props and tarps will be held in our tournament gym attached to the performance arena. This space is accessible through an alley on the west side of the school. As this space is open air with the performance gym, please make your crews aware that they will need to be quiet moving equipment and props in.

Housing and Personal Storage:

Each unit will be given space in one of the main Performing Arts Center (PAC) hallways, the Band Room, Orchestra Room or Choir Room. Please note that food and drink are not allowed in the large ensemble rooms and will be monitored as such. **Per school and MCCGA policy, no outside food items or drinks are permitted in the building.** All equipment must be padded and taped according to MCCGA Policy and will be inspected upon check-in. MCCGA and Fayetteville High School are not responsible for lost or stolen items. **Spinning of any kind is not allowed in housing areas.**

Dressing Facilities:

In the PAC there are two bathrooms downstairs near unit check-in, two bathrooms upstairs near the cafeteria, and two large dressing rooms. These spaces are being offered to us by our theatre department and will be monitored. Encourage your students to be respectful of their behavior and clean up any mess they may make while in the facilities.



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PERFORMANCE FLOW INFORMATION

Sound Check:

Sound check will be held before the start of the contest and during breaks. The sound table will be located in the front right corner of the performance arena (downstage left). A CD player and auxiliary cord will be provided. Please ensure your CD is a music CD and not a data CD, and remember to place all devices on Airplane Mode during sound check and performance. It is advised that a staff member with your group be at the sound table for the entirety of your performance.

Holding Area:

From housing, your performers will be escorted to our wrestling room which will serve as a holding area. Students will be taken outside to get to the Athletic Complex. It is recommended your students wear protective footwear when leaving housing. In the event of inclement weather, an alternate route will be provided. Once in holding, you may use this time as you see fit, but you may not spin any equipment in the holding area. Please keep all equipment and hard soled shoes off of the wrestling mats. Students will proceed through one set of interior double doors to move on to warm-up.

Warm-Up Gym:

Warm-up will be held in our auxiliary gym which is a full gym. Physical and Equipment Warm-up will be held in the same area. No sound system will be provided, but a personal system may be used for the last half of your warm-up. Please be considerate of volume during warm-up, not only with your sound system, but with verbals and counting. You must stay on the provided floor during warm-up, and exit as soon as your time is up. Students will pass through two interior doors to get to prop holding and staging before taking the floor to perform.

Staging:

Students will be taken from the warm-up gym to our tournament gym to pick up any large props or floors. They will then be escorted down a short hallway to the entrance to the gym. Please note this area is open and sound will carry. No pre-show rituals/hype routines will be permitted at this time. It is suggested units take care of this in holding before entering warm-up.

Time Line and Performance Arena:

Performers will enter from the AUDIENCE FRONT LEFT corner and exit to the AUDIENCE FRONT RIGHT corner. The timeline will be vertical. When exiting, students will enter the tournament gym to refold. This area shares an open air wall with the performance area, so please keep noise to a minimum. Students will exit the building to load equipment and props immediately following the performance.

Retreat:

There will be a captain's only retreat following the last performance in Scholastic Open. Captains should report to the warm-up gym following the final Bentonville Open.



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FESTIVAL AMENITIES AND ACCOMODATIONS

Concessions: Per school policy, no outside food or drink is to be brought into the building. We will offer concessions throughout the day. Our entree items include pizza, BBQ chicken sandwiches, hot dogs, and Tropical Smoothie smoothies. Additional, including nachos, candy, snack cakes, Tropical Smoothie smoothies, tea, and coffee will be sold a la carte. Please encourage your students and parents to partake in our concession stand offerings.

Please note: Fayetteville High School is a tobacco free (including e-cigs/vape) and alcohol free campus.

Spectator Admission:

Per MCCGA Policy, admission prices are set at \$7 for adults, \$5 for students age 5-18, \$5 for seniors 60 years of age or older, and free for children under the age of 5. Only MCCGA Director Badges, Board badges, Fayetteville athletic and AAA passes will be accepted as passes for the show.

Hospitality Rooms:

For your comfort and convenience a Director's Hospitality room is provided located in the Sports Medicine classroom near holding. Please do not bring additional guests or students into this space out of respect for our volunteers and other visiting directors. A Bus Driver Hospitality Room is available in the Black Box Theatre near performer check-in. Each unit is responsible for providing a wristband for their drivers to access the performance arena.

Tabulation, Judging and Critique:

The tabulation and Judges Area is off limits to everyone except authorized personnel. You may pick up your packet at the sound table following retreat. Critique will NOT be available at this year's festival per MCCGA Critique Policy.

Off-Limits:

The exterior facilities north of the PAC and Athletic Complexes, as well as the other buildings on campus will be off-limits to all units, spectators, and directors. **Please do not allow students to spin any equipment outside of the Warm-Up Area.** Please remind parents, staff and students that any area marked off-limits is not to be entered. This includes the offices, conference rooms, classrooms, and library.

Performer Seating:

While our arena has plenty of seating, we ask that the seats in front of the performers be kept open to spectators. Please ask your performers to sit in the side section or back side seats during performances.

Nurse and Medical Care:

A trained professional will be on site in the event of a medical emergency. This station will be held in the Sports Medicine Room located on the bottom level of the performance arena near the gym entrance.



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Directions to campus:

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FHS is located in the heart of Fayetteville, just across the street from the University of Arkansas. Spectators will be allowed to park in the two lots just off of MLK Jr. Blvd and in our overflow lots near our football field, Harmon Field, just north of the school buildings. Buses, Equipment Trucks and other large vehicles will unload in the southwest lot of the Arena Complex and when not in use will park in the lots North of Campus across Bulldog Blvd.

NEW FOR 2023: Our bus and truck parking lot has some nearby construction, so please plan accordingly for additional time and communicate this to your drivers. Plan accordingly for travel. It is recommended that units remain on campus once they arrive until the end of retreat.

Please note: Our parking lots can accommodate buses, large vehicles, and box trucks, but will not accommodate semis. If you plan to utilize a semi-truck for equipment, please contact us immediately so we can work out details for your performance.

From I-49: Take exit 62 for MLK Jr. Blvd. and head East on MLK. Performers should be dropped off in the lot at the corner of MLK Jr. Blvd. and S. Buchanan Avenue.

From I-65 South and I-412 W: Turn left onto N. Crossover Road/265 S. Continue for 2.5 miles then turn right onto E. Huntsville Rd. Continue on E. Huntsville Rd. for 1.5 miles until it turns into MLK Jr. Blvd. Continue on MLK Jr. Blvd. for 1.2 miles and the school will be on your right. Performers should be dropped off in the lot at the corner of MLK Jr. Blvd. and S. Buchanan Avenue.