

Subject **State Band Audition Information**
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Parents and Students:

This information is for students auditioning for the Kansas All State Band in Salina this weekend. If that does not apply to you or your child please disregard this email.

We will leave Olathe East at 1:45 p.m. on Friday afternoon. We will eat dinner at the Chili's in Salina and then check in to our hotel the Quality Inn Hotel and Suites. The next morning there is a continental breakfast provided at the hotel. After that we will head to the school for auditions. Lunch will be at the concession stand in the school. I know in the past they have had pizza and other items for students to purchase for lunch. As soon as the last student auditions and last director riding on the bus finishes judging we will depart for Olathe. Typically that would be around 3:30 p.m. but there is really no way to know for certain how slow or fast the auditions will run. We will not stop for dinner on the way home and will drive straight back to Olathe. Just like Regional auditions it is a blind audition so you do not need to dress up but you are welcome to if it makes you feel like you will be more successful with your audition. Typically the sight-reading material is a little more challenging so be prepared to go slow and really count. Please make sure you bring your overnight bag to school on Friday morning and leave it in the back ensemble room.

With regard to cost of this trip I pulled the students out last semester and let them know that the cost of this trip will be more in the past. As most of you know we had a 21% budget cut last year and the boosters were very helpful to donate money from one fundraiser to our building fund to help us make it through last year. Unfortunately, we are still at that same budget number this year so I have had to find ways to reduce our expenses this year and this is one expense that I am forced to put on the participants. In the past I charged a small amount and then covered the rest with my budget. This year I will need to wait until I get all of the final numbers in and then share with everyone the cost. I am anticipating it will be around \$100 per student. This does not include the meal money students need to bring for their dinner on Friday, and their lunch/snacks on Saturday. As always if there is a financial situation where you need assistance from the boosters please just email me. After I get the final cost for the charter bus and hotel next week I will let everyone know what the amount per student is.

Thanks,

Mr. Smikahl
