

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual McAllen ISD Jazz Festival**  
**Saturday, May 6, 2017**  
**McAllen Nikki Rowe High School Auditorium**  
**featuring**  
**University of Texas RGV Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Jake Walburn**

Dear Jazz Band Director,

Thank you for entering your jazz ensemble in the 9th Annual McAllen ISD Jazz Festival. We appreciate your support of jazz education in the Rio Grande Valley and look forward to providing a positive, musical experience for you and your students. Enclosed is a jazz festival schedule, a set-up/seating chart form, a band information sheet, and a festival procedure form.

We are very excited about all the fine bands participating in our 9th festival. Bands requesting certain time slots due to a conflict, were accommodated if possible.

Below are some procedures:

1. Directors, if you are arriving just before performance time, have your students get dropped off on the east side of the school/Ware Road side. This is located at the southeast part of the Rowe campus, by the band hall area.
2. Buses can remain on the south side/student parking lot, by the Natatorium (pool).
3. Directors check in at the band hall upon arrival and turn in your set-up/seating chart with student names, plus your jazz band information form.
4. Warm-up room will be the band hall. Rhythm section will not have extra instruments in the warm-up area.
5. Please note the performance time slots to allow a smooth running festival. Bands must set up on stage, perform, and remove equipment and personnel within the time allotment.
6. A Kawai grand piano and risers will be available for the stage.
7. All ratings will be kept confidential and will not be announced until the evening awards concert. Directors may pick up their adjudication sheets and recordings after the awards presentation or the concert.
8. Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 HS/1st groups, and the top 3 MS groups. Judges will be selecting 2 All Star Jazz Band. One for high school and one for middle school. Judges will select 5 saxes, 5 trombones, 5 trumpets and one of each of the rhythm section instruments. One outstanding jazz musician will be selected from each of the All Star groups. Awards will be presented at the awards concert.

9. Adjudication will be in the form of written and recorded comments. Scores do not need to be provided for adjudication.

Thanks for your support.

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