

What do I need to bring?

Festival Checklist

- Woodwinds, Brass, Strings:** Your instrument, plus mouthpiece, mutes, extra reeds, valve oil, cork grease, swab, cleaning supplies, etc. We will not have extra supplies for your use.
- Percussionists:** You will not need to bring any large instruments to the festival. We do ask, however, that you bring the following equipment for your own use:
- Snare sticks
 - Keyboard mallets, including bell, xylophone, and yarn mallets
 - Drum key

UMKC has limited equipment availability, so we request that you also bring the following items, if possible. If you do not own these items, we suggest that you talk to your band director about borrowing them for use at the festival.

- Bass drum beaters (*we will need an assortment, including pairs of rollers*)
- Triangles, triangle beaters, and triangle clips
- Pair of chime hammers
- Timpani mallets
- Tam Tam mallet
- Tambourine
- A hand towel

Please make sure that all items are clearly marked. You are responsible for any items you bring to the festival.

- A FOLDING MUSIC STAND marked clearly with your name**
We do not provide music stands to Midwest Honor Band and Orchestra Festival participants.
- Comfortable school clothes.**
Use your school's dress code as a reference: if an item is not allowed at your school, it is not allowed at the Festival. Festival T-shirts will be distributed when you arrive, and you are welcome to wear these, but are not required to.
- Jacket and/or sweater**
It is cold in Kansas City in January, and the rehearsal rooms may be chilly.
- Concert attire**
Conservative dress clothes: No jeans, or band/orchestra uniforms. Skirts/dresses must be below the knee; all shirts, dresses, or blouses must have sleeves. Shoes and socks should be dressy – no sneakers or white socks.
- Necessary medications**
Parents may give consent for participants to keep medications with them during the festival. If we do not receive this consent, participants must turn in any medications and to a dedicated staff member at program check-in. Participants turning in medications will have the opportunity to take their medication twice per day: once in the morning and once at night.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING

- ✗ **Alcohol, tobacco, weapons of any kind, or illegal drugs.** There is a zero-tolerance policy for these items. If you are found with any of these items, you will be immediately dismissed from the Festival. Your parents will be contacted to pick you up and the proper authorities will be alerted.
- ✗ **Animals** of any kind.
- ✗ Due to allergy concerns, we request that you not bring **perfume or cologne.**
- ✗ **Peanuts or items containing peanuts**