

Florida Bandmasters Association
District 1 Jazz Band MPA
February 20, 2026 Pensacola State College

Friday, February 20, 2026

1:00 pm	Thomas Sims Middle School Jazz Band Director(s): Angela Polito Principal: Emily Donalson <i>Caravan</i> <i>It's Only a Paper Moon</i> <i>The Chicken</i>	Duke Ellington/John Berry Harold Arlen/Michael Sweeney Alfred Ellis/Mike Story	MC
1:25 pm	Avalon Middle School (Santa Rosa) Jazz Ensemble Director(s): Mike Philley Principal: Ryan Stokes <i>It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing</i> <i>Swingin' Shepherd Blues</i> <i>J.B. Rides Again</i>	Arr. Michael Sweeney Rick Stitzel Rick Stitzel	MC
1:50 pm	Shoal River Middle School Shoal River Middle School Jazz Band Director(s): Noemi Ruiz & Elizabeth McAllister Principal: Dr. Jason Diver <i>Struttin' With Some Barbecue</i> <i>Land of Make Believe</i> <i>A Day in the Life of a Fool</i>	Lillian Hardin Armstrong / Rick Stitzel Chuck Mangione / Mike Story Luiz Bonfá / Terry White	MC
2:15 pm	Jim C. Bailey Middle School "The Hounds of Swing" Big Band Director(s): Phillip Nguyen & Ryan Murphy Principal: Tara Palasciano <i>String of Pearls</i> <i>April in Paris</i> <i>Spain</i>	Jerry Gray arr. John Berry Vernon Duke arr. Rick Stitzel Chick Corea arr. Paul Jennings	MC
2:40 pm	Escambia High School Jazz B Director(s): Skyler Mcleod Principal: Dr. Dana Boddy <i>Shiny Stockings</i> <i>All the Things You Are</i> <i>Riverfront Strut</i>	Frank Foster arr. by Sammy Nestico Jerome Kern arr. by Michael Sweeney Dean Sorenson	C
3:05 pm	J. M. Tate Senior High School Jazz 2 Director(s): Joshua Nobles Principal: Laura Touchstone <i>The Cool One</i> <i>Moon River</i> <i>The Chicken</i>	Benny Golson/ Erik Morales Henry Mancini/ Mark Taylor James Ellis/ Kris Berg	C
3:30 pm	Navarre High School Jazz Band Director(s): Dean Barrow Principal: Kasie Windfelder <i>Pick Up the Pieces</i> <i>Blue Skies</i> <i>The Chicken</i>	Ball et al/Lopez Berlin/Holmes Ellis/Berg	BB
3:55 pm	Gulf Breeze High School The Blue and Gold Standard Director(s): Alex Singletary Principal: Sarah Barker <i>All of Me</i> <i>Cute</i>	Marks & Simons/Holmes Hefti/Custer	C
4:20 pm	Niceville Senior High School Jazz "Too" Director(s): Jensen Cadenhead Principal: Charlie Marello <i>Groovin' Hard</i> <i>Stompin' At The Savoy</i> <i>Little Sunflower</i>	Menza/arr. Blair Goodman/arr. Sweeney Hubbard/arr. Kamuf	C
4:45 pm	Escambia High School Jazz A Director(s): Armand Navarro Principal: Dr. Dana Boddy <i>All of Me</i> <i>'Round Midnight</i> <i>Jeannine</i>	Simons & Marks/Arr. Holmes Williams & Monk/Arr. Lopez Pearson/Arr. Dana	B

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6:00 pm	Gulf Breeze High School The Blue and Gold Standard Director(s): Alex Singletary Principal: Sarah Barker <i>Hay Burner</i> <i>Just Friends</i> <i>Blackbird</i>	Nestico Klenner Arr. Wolpe Lennnon/McCartney Arr. Tomaro	B
6:25 pm	Booker T. Washington High School Symphonic Orchestra Director(s): Dr. Michael Young, Mr. Jackson Van Matre Principal: Rick Shackle <i>Fresh Cut Fries</i> <i>C-Jam Blues</i> <i>Funk Zone</i>	Doug Beach/ George Shutack Duke Ellington/ Rick Stitzel Doug Beach/ George Shutack	B
6:50 pm	Choctawhatchee Senior High School Jazz Ensemble Director(s): Anthony Denaro Principal: Michelle Heck <i>Rockabye River</i> <i>Angel Eyes</i> <i>Caravan</i>	Duke Ellington/trans. Berger Brent/Dennis/arr. Strommen Ellington/Tizol/arr. Baylock	B
7:15 pm	J. M. Tate Senior High School Jazz 1 Director(s): Ronald Barnard Gray, Jr. Principal: Laura Touchstone <i>Fun Time</i> <i>Skyliner</i>	Sammy Nestico Charlie Barnet/arr. Sammy Nestico	BB
7:40 pm	Pace High School Jazz 2 Director(s): Maegan Jensen Principal: Stephen Shell <i>In a Mellow Tone</i> <i>Cheesecake</i>	Taylor Stitzel	C
8:05 pm	Pace High School Jazz Ensemble 1 Director(s): Justin Mozina Principal: Stephen Shell <i>Parisian Thouroughfare</i> <i>Isfahan</i> <i>Royal Garden Blues</i>	Powell/Taylor Ellington and Strayhorn Willams/Strayhorn	BB
8:30 pm	Niceville Senior High School Big Band Director(s): Matt Tenore Principal: Charlie Mareello <i>Symphony in Riffs</i> <i>Here's That Rainy Day</i> <i>Furioso!</i>	Carter Van Heusen/arr. Curnow Fernandez	BB
8:55 pm	Milton High School The Blackwater Beats Jazz Band Director(s): Bryce Coots Principal: Tim Short <i>Fables of Faubus</i> <i>A Tone Parallel to Harlem</i>	Charles Mingus/Sy Johnson Duke Ellington	BB