

**Florida Bandmasters Association  
District 1 Jazz Band MPA**

February 20, 2026 Pensacola State College

**Friday, February 20, 2026**

1:00 pm	<b>Thomas Sims Middle School Jazz Band</b> 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	<b>Avalon Middle School (Santa Rosa) Jazz Ensemble</b> 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	<b>Shoal River Middle School Shoal River Middle School Jazz Band</b> 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 Bonfa / Terry White	MC
2:15 pm	<b>Jim C. Bailey Middle School "The Hounds of Swing" Big Band</b> 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	<b>Escambia High School Jazz B</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	<b>J. M. Tate Senior High School Jazz 2</b> 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	<b>Navarre High School Jazz Band</b> 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	<b>Gulf Breeze High School The Blue and Gold Standard</b> Director(s): Alex Singletary Principal: Sarah Barker <i>All of Me</i> <i>Cute</i>	Marks & Simons/Holmes Hefti/Custer	C
4:20 pm	<b>Niceville Senior High School Jazz "Too"</b> Director(s): Jensen Cadenhead Principal: Charlie Marello <i>Groovin' Hard</i> <i>Stompin' At The Savoy</i> <i>Little Sunflower</i>	Menya/arr. Blair Goodman/arr. Sweeney Hubbard/arr. Kamuf	C
4:45 pm	<b>Escambia High School Jazz A</b> 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	<b>Gulf Breeze High School The Blue and Gold Standard</b>	<b>B</b>
	Director(s): Alex Singletary Principal: Sarah Barker	
	<i>Hay Burner</i>	Nestico
	<i>Just Friends</i>	Klenner Arr. Wolpe
	<i>Blackbird</i>	Lennnon/McCartney Arr. Tomaro
6:25 pm	<b>Booker T. Washington High School Symphonic Orchestra</b>	<b>B</b>
	Director(s): Dr. Michael Young, Mr. Jackson Van Matre Principal: Rick Shackle	
	<i>Fresh Cut Fries</i>	Doug Beach/ George Shutack
	<i>C-Jam Blues</i>	Duke Ellington/ Rick Stitzel
	<i>Funk Zone</i>	Doug Beach/ George Shutack
6:50 pm	<b>Choctawhatchee Senior High School Jazz Ensemble</b>	<b>B</b>
	Director(s): Anthony Denaro Principal: Michelle Heck	
	<i>Rockabye River</i>	Duke Ellington/trans. Berger
	<i>Angel Eyes</i>	Brent/Dennis/arr. Strommen
	<i>Caravan</i>	Ellington/Tizol/arr. Baylock
7:15 pm	<b>J. M. Tate Senior High School Jazz 1</b>	<b>BB</b>
	Director(s): Ronald Barnard Gray, Jr. Principal: Laura Touchstone	
	<i>Fun Time</i>	Sammy Nestico
	<i>Skyliner</i>	Charlie Barnet/arr. Sammy Nestico
7:40 pm	<b>Pace High School Jazz 2</b>	<b>C</b>
	Director(s): Maegan Jensen Principal: Stephen Shell	
	<i>In a Mellow Tone</i>	Taylor
	<i>Cheesecake</i>	Stitzel
8:05 pm	<b>Pace High School Jazz Ensemble 1</b>	<b>BB</b>
	Director(s): Justin Mozina Principal: Stephen Shell	
	<i>Parisian Thouroughfare</i>	Powell/Taylor
	<i>Isfahan</i>	Ellington and Strayhorn
	<i>Royal Garden Blues</i>	Willams/Strayhorn
8:30 pm	<b>Niceville Senior High School Big Band</b>	<b>BB</b>
	Director(s): Matt Tenore Principal: Charlie Marella	
	<i>Symphony in Riffs</i>	Carter
	<i>Here's That Rainy Day</i>	Van Heusen/arr. Curnow
	<i>Furioso!</i>	Fernandez
8:55 pm	<b>Milton High School The Blackwater Beats Jazz Band</b>	<b>BB</b>
	Director(s): Bryce Coots Principal: Tim Short	
	<i>Fables of Faubus</i>	Charles Mingus/Sy Johnson
	<i>A Tone Parallel to Harlem</i>	Duke Ellington