

State Festival Information Sheet

Mattie Kelly Performing Arts Center – Northwest Florida State College

April 27, 2022

Arrive at Leon: In time for first class
Report to Band Room: Beginning of 4th period
Load Buses and Equipment: during 4th period
Load Personnel: 10:50am
Depart Leon: 11:00am
Arrive at Food Location: 12:30pm (c)
Arrive at Mattie Kelly to watch Bands: 2:00 (c)
Watch Bands: 2:30pm (c)
Perform: 5:55pm (c)
Leave Mattie Kelly: 7:00pm (c) - or sooner if able
Arrive at Leon: around 10:30pm (eastern)

The Leon High School Symphonic Band is currently preparing for their State MPA on April 27, 2022 at the Mattie Kelly Performing Arts Center at Northwest Florida State College. On that Wednesday, students will attend a half day of school (this is required by school rules) in order to participate. During 4th period, students will report to the band room to gather their equipment and load the bus. **STUDENTS MUST HAVE THE OFFICIAL LEON HIGH SCHOOL CONCERT BLACK UNIFORM TO ATTEND THIS TRIP. Students who do not have the correct shirt will not participate in the performance.**

After we arrive in Niceville, we will go to a food area where students will have option to eat. This will be at the students own expense – they are also welcome to bring a lunch with them. Once we finish eating, students will change into their uniforms, get our stuff assembled, and wait to watch bands in the audience.

We will then need to get out all of our equipment and take it with us into the auditorium because they do not have any case storage – this will make things more interesting for percussion but that is ok. We will be able to watch a band perform, and then we will go into warm-up. After we have completed our stage performance, we will change (if desired) and have some food (provided by the boosters) before heading home.

It will be a late night getting home. Students need to remain in contact with parents to communicate arrivals so help make the night shorter. The next morning students can use my class period to rest or do make up work. I strongly encourage students to use the bus time to work on homework for other classes.

There is no plan to stop on the way home. Students who anticipate being hungry need to bring some snacks to help ensure they are not starving by the time they arrive home. Reminder – the boosters are providing some food before we begin the drive home.

Once the band room is clean again, we are dismissed!

