



DICKERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL BANDS  
*2008 Georgia State Band Performance Evaluation*

Dear Band Parents and Students,

February 22, 2008

Here is the information for our upcoming Georgia Music Educator's Association State Band Performance Evaluation (BPE). Please review the information and make the appropriate arrangements regarding your child's participation and your attendance at these concerts. The Dickerson **7-1 Band** is scheduled to perform at **5:45 pm** and the **7-2 Band** is scheduled to perform at **7:25 pm** on **Thursday, March 27 2008** at **Palmer Middle School**. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend this very important performance.

Students must travel to Palmer M.S. with the group, but if you attend the concert performance and would like to take your child home after sight-reading is completed, please indicate this on the permission form. The philosophy of our county BPE includes students taking advantage of the opportunity to watch and listen to other middle school bands perform; therefore students in the 7-1 band should plan to remain until after the 7-2 band performs.

Since there will be NO CONCESSION STAND at Palmer M.S., the band members will have a pizza snack at Dickerson before we leave. This will be the students' only opportunity to eat. Students not wishing to eat pizza may bring their own snack. (See the attached form to order pizza/drink.)

***DO NOT SEND PIZZA MONEY! YOUR CHILD WILL NEED TO BRING MONEY TO PAY FOR THE PIZZA AND SODA THE DAY OF THE EVENT.***

With around 110 students between the two bands, we will need several parents to help chaperone this event. We will need at least twenty parents to chaperone, with some riding the bus, but most driving their own vehicles. Our departure from Dickerson will be during school busing hours, so we are chartering buses to transport our students. This is an excellent opportunity to involve yourself with your child's school. Please indicate on the form if you are interested, and if you are available to drive, as the buses will only have seats for 2 chaperones!

We also need assistance serving the pizza snack before we leave Dickerson. Pizza helpers can stay on to chaperone if they would like. Pizza helpers would need to be at Dickerson from 2:00 to 3:30 that afternoon. Please indicate on the form if you would be willing to help us in this area!

The BPE is a formal concert event, and since the band will be rated on their appearance, the Dickerson Bands will be wearing their formal uniforms. Please make certain your child brings his/her black and white concert attire to school that morning. All clothes will be stored in the bandroom during the day, so please make sure the uniform is stored in a garment bag with the ***student's name clearly labeled on the bag!***

We appreciate your support of music at Dickerson! On the back side is an itinerary for the State BPE day. Please call us if you need any additional information or further explanations. Maps to Palmer M.S. will be sent home closer to the BPE performance day. Attached to this letter is a permission/pizza order form/chaperone sign-up.

*Please have your child return the permission and pizza form by **Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**..*

# 7<sup>th</sup> Grade BPE Schedule

## Thursday, March 27, 2008

Palmer Middle School

**7-1 Performance Time – 5:45 pm**

**7-2 Performance Time – 7:25 pm**

<b>TIME</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
2:15 pm	Both Bands meet in Theater
2:20 pm	7-2 changes/7-1 eats
2:45 pm	7-1 changes/7-2 eats
3:10 pm	Meet in theater
3:20 pm	Load buses
3:45 pm	Depart for Palmer M.S.
4:45 pm	Arrive at Palmer, put instruments in storage room -restroom break for 7-1
5:05 pm	<b>7-1 Warm-up</b> , 7-2 restroom break
5:25 pm	7-2 listens to bands
<b>5:45 pm</b>	<b>7-1 PERFORMANCE!</b>
<b>6:05 pm</b>	<b>7-1 Clinic</b>
<b>6:25 pm</b>	<b>7-1 Sight-reading</b> – 7-2 Band Get instruments
6:45 pm	7-2 Warm-up begins – 7-1 puts away instruments
7:05 pm	7-2 in Warm-up – 7-1 moves to theater to watch Bands
<b>7:25 pm</b>	<b>7-2 PERFORMANCE!</b> – 7-1 Watches Bands
<b>7:45 pm</b>	<b>7-2 Clinic</b> – 7-1 Watches Bands
<b>8:05 pm</b>	<b>7-2 Sight-reading</b> – 7-1 Collects instruments
8:25 pm	7-2 Packs up instruments – All students load bus Students checked-out to parents
<b>8:30 pm</b>	Depart Palmer M.S.
<b>9:00 pm</b>	<b>Arrive Dickerson Middle School</b>

Keep this page for your records!

