



ABODA Highland Invitational

Saturday September 26, 2026

Highland High School
4301 E. Guadalupe Rd.
Gilbert, AZ 85234

Dear Director,

We are very excited to welcome you to the ABODA Highland Invitational! Please read the following information and review the site map to facilitate unloading and parking when you arrive at Highland High School as our parking situation can be challenging.

If you have any questions, please contact our Invitational Chairperson or Band Directors. We look forward to serving as your host and hope that you, your students, and your band and guard parents have a positive experience.

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Our district has a Clear Bag policy.

Visit the GPS Website and see the graphic in this packet for more information.
Please share this information with your families in advance. Thank you!



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DIRECTIONS TO HIGHLAND:

US Route 60 West

1. Take Exit 188 for Power Rd.
2. Turn Left onto Power Rd headed South.
3. Turn Right onto Guadalupe Rd. headed East.
4. Highland High School will be on the Left.

US Route 60 East

1. Take Exit 186 for Higley Rd.
2. Turn Right onto Higley Rd headed South.
3. Turn Left onto Guadalupe Rd. headed East.
4. Highland High School will be on the Right.

Loop 202 (South Mountain Freeway) East

1. Take Exit 26 for Power Rd.
2. Turn left onto Power Rd. headed North.
3. Turn Left onto Guadalupe Rd.
4. Highland High School will be on the Left.

Bus Parking

- Bus parking will be located offsite at Highland Junior High School, 6915 E. Guadalupe Rd. Mesa, AZ 85212, just east of HHS past Power Rd.
- **You will not have direct access to the buses during your time at the festival so make sure to take all the items you will need for your performance with you.**
 - *If you need your bus(es) to be available immediately after your performance, please let us know so we can arrange to park them somewhere else if possible.*
- There will be a shuttle provided for drivers who want to come back and watch the competition. Comp and meal tickets for your bus drivers can be found in your packet.
- Please make sure to have your driver's number or tell them when to head back over to campus. Bus pickup will be in the lot where you were dropped off.
- **Please note on the map – the bus pickup location has changed this year.**

Equipment Truck/Pit Unloading and Parking

- From Guadalupe Rd, trucks should turn South onto Roadrunner Drive and then Right into the second entrance to the parking lot.
- Your drivers will be directed to pull your trucks as far forward as possible.
- Your trucks can remain here for the duration of the event.



BAND INFORMATION:

Arrival Procedure and Check-In

- Buses will pull in on the west side of campus onto Highland Hawk Drive next to the marquee. Proceed south past the auditorium to the end of the spectator parking lot next to the stadium. Pull into the lot and follow around the perimeter to the front auditorium lawn to drop off students and check-in.
- Directors should check-in at the Director Check-In tent in front of the auditorium to receive a packet containing wristbands for staff and parent helpers and a meal/entry ticket for your bus drivers.
 - Please remind your staff to wear the badges provided by ABODA.
- All performers must unload with all necessary performance items and anything they need for the day as the buses will need to park offsite.
- Students can proceed to the East side of campus to unload your equipment trailer. Restrooms will be available in the main campus building.

Warm-Up

- Music warm-up areas are located on the North side of campus, as indicated on the map.
 - Sound travels very easily across our campus. Please face your band away from campus and do not place percussion where there is an open pathway to the field.
- An additional silent visual warm-up area is located West of the performing arts building on the band practice field along Highland Hawk Drive.
- Color Guard warm-up areas can be any open space on campus. Please know that our campus is very open and sound travels freely. Keep this in mind when you choose your warmup spot so you do not disrupt performances.

Performance Procedures

- Highland has a natural grass field.
- The home press box is on the west side of the field.
- There will be an electrical cord available for you to plug into on the front track.
- Only equipment with pneumatic wheels are permitted on the track. Any equipment that could possibly damage the track should be carried onto the field.
- Pit Equipment and Band Members will all **enter** the field from the northwest/front corner of the stadium on **SIDE 1** (left of audience's perspective).
- Everyone will **exit** the field from the northeast/back corner on **SIDE 1**.
 - See stadium map for details.

Props

- You may stage your props on the basketball courts on the north side of the stadium. You will pass by this area en route to the stadium entrance.
- Both our entrance and exit gates are double wide and should be able to accommodate most props easily.

Video Pass

- You should have received a video pass with your staff badges. The video area is located on the top level of the home stands, just South of the Press Box. Please send only one person to take videos, space is limited.



Re-entry and Band Seating

- Students may sit in the stands at the ends of the home side of the stadium until it fills up. Please keep students to the outside sections of the stands.
 - Larger bands performing later may need to sit in the visitor side as it will be quicker and more easily accessible after coming off the field.
- Re-entry for students will be the spectator gate if there is room for them on the home side.
- Concessions will be available on the home side of the stadium. If you would like your students to utilize concessions, they will need to exit the stadium, go outside the gate and re-enter on the home side. *We apologize for this inconvenience.*
- If your students will be changing out of uniform please make sure they are wearing the wristbands provided in your packet to re-enter the stadium.

First Aid

- First Aid booths are located just outside the performance exit on the visitor side of the stadium. This air-conditioned space is on your way out after your performance.

Water Stations/Shade

- Water stations will be located for performers throughout the campus and will be stocked with cups throughout the event. It is recommended however that your band bring water jugs with them so as to not slow down your travel/warmup time.
- Our campus does not have a lot of shade. Shade tents will be provided at water stations when possible.

Directors/Staff Hospitality

- A hospitality area is available for directors just past the South Endzone of the Stadium.
 - We are providing meals and refreshments.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION:

Spectator/Band Staff Parking

- Spectators can park in the main lot closest to the stadium on Highland Hawks Drive.
- Overflow parking is available south of the stadium on Highland Hawks Drive.
- Disabled parking is available in designated spots in the southeast corner of the parking lot.

Admission Prices

- The ticket booth is located on the east side of the field by spectator parking.
- Admission costs are \$10.00 per person and free for children under five.
- Tickets can be purchased at the gate with cash or card.
- The ticket booth, gate and concessions will open one hour before the first band's performance.
- Please remind your families about our district **Clear Bag policy**.



Concessions

- Outside food or beverage is not permitted inside the stadium.
- We have a concession stand conveniently located on the home side of the field (see menu).
- Water stations will be available throughout the campus and in the warm-up areas.
- The concession stand will open one hour before the first band's performance time. Please contact us in advance if you need to make other arrangements or would like to do a pre-order so food is ready for your band's arrival.

MENU



MEALS & DEALS

- Burger, Chips & Drink ——— 10.00
 - Burger Only ——— 7.00
(Cheeseburger, Hamburger or Veggie Burger)
- Hot Dog, Chips & Drink ——— 8.00
 - Hot Dog Only ——— 5.00

SNACKS

- Pretzel & Cheese ——— 6.00
- Nachos & Cheese ——— 6.00
(Jalepeños available)
- Kettle Corn ——— 8.00
- Candy ——— 3.00
- Chips ——— 2.00
- Pickle ——— 1.00

DRINKS

- Soda - Gatorade - Bottled Water 2.00

CONCESSIONS

Visit our Vendors!

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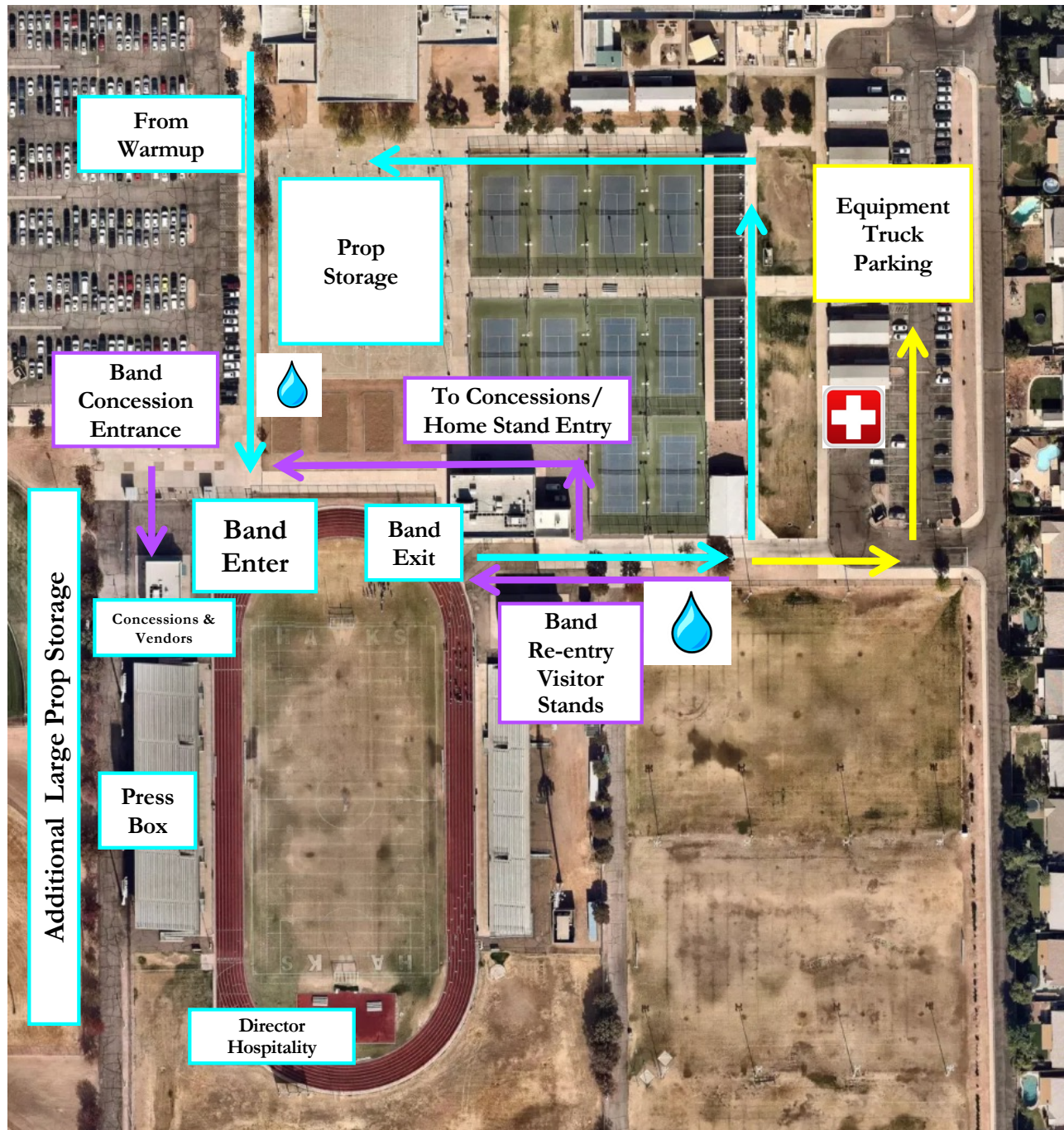


Campus Map

Bus Path
Equipment Truck Path
Spectator Path
Band Path



Stadium Map



ABODA Marching Invitational - hosted by Highland HS

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School	Division	Warm-up Zone	Warm-Up	Transition	Gate	Performance
Coronado HS	IV	A	2:55 PM	3:40 PM	3:55 PM	4:00 PM
ALA Gilbert-North HS	IV	B	3:10 PM	3:55 PM	4:10 PM	4:15 PM
Arcadia HS	IV	C	3:25 PM	4:10 PM	4:25 PM	4:30 PM
Eastmark HS	III	A	3:40 PM	4:25 PM	4:40 PM	4:45 PM
Desert Mountain HS	III	B	3:55 PM	4:40 PM	4:55 PM	5:00 PM
Tempe HS	III	C	4:10 PM	4:55 PM	5:10 PM	5:15 PM
Poston Butte HS	III	A	4:25 PM	5:10 PM	5:25 PM	5:30 PM
DINNER BREAK						5:45 PM
Mountain View HS	II	C	5:25 PM	6:10 PM	6:25 PM	6:30 PM
Williams Field HS	II	A	5:40 PM	6:25 PM	6:40 PM	6:45 PM
McClintock HS	II	B	5:55 PM	6:40 PM	6:55 PM	7:00 PM
Gilbert HS	II	C	6:10 PM	6:55 PM	7:10 PM	7:15 PM
BREAK						7:30 PM
Shadow Ridge HS	I	A	6:40 PM	7:25 PM	7:40 PM	7:45 PM
Boulder Creek HS	I	B	6:55 PM	7:40 PM	7:55 PM	8:00 PM
Sahuarita HS	I	C	7:10 PM	7:55 PM	8:10 PM	8:15 PM
Highland HS	I	A	7:25 PM	8:10 PM	8:25 PM	8:30 PM
BREAK						8:45 PM
AWARDS - Judges Critique						9:00 PM

Highland High School

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Admission - \$10.00 (no refunds)

Children under 5 - free

Adjudication Panel

Music - Jennifer Hamilton

Music - Jeff Quamo

GE - Brand DuBose

Visual - Julia Robles

Percussion - Joe Goglia

Auxiliary - Robin Montoya

Overview - Rosie Queen

Austin Chadwick - Chief Judge

Tabulation - Amber Simanton

Contest Coordinator - Dennis Smith