

CLASS A SCHOOL BAND PROFILE

School Size of this Classification: 301-600

Approximately 32 schools are in this classification state-wide.

"Average" Band Size: 75

Rehearsal Times:

Due to recent trends in scheduling, bands are running into difficulty when having rehearsals before school. Student conflicts with other activities, that in the past have been held after school or in the evenings, are becoming more wide-spread.

Examples can include, but are not limited to, drill team, athletic practices, cheerleading practices, clubs and organizations such as speech, FBLA, FFA, etc. These groups have found it necessary to move before school because of the increasing number of after school and evening conflicts with athletic events.

Average Instrumental Staff:

A Class A School can have one person for entire instrumental program 9-12. There may be some assistance available from a junior high director within the system, but this is not necessarily a common practice. The high school director may also be responsible for the junior high program and some systems still have one director for all enrollments from grades 5-12. Because of the size of the communities in which Class A schools are located, some extra help may be found for auxiliary assistance.

Age of Students Participating:

The grades of students participating are either 9-12 or 10-12.

Unique Problems:

Increases in school enrollment and band size do not necessarily reduce the problems of over-extended students. Band students are very likely to be involved in many different activities.

Budget expenditures are most likely based by the administration upon the realization that an instrumental program must be provided and funded adequately. These levels may not fully reflect what the band director sees as needed levels.

Instrumentation:

Bands probably have color instruments and specialized marching brass and fuller equipped drum lines.

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