

FMBC State Championship 2023 Information & Itinerary

- **Hotel Address:**
 - 700 North Westshore Blvd, Tampa, FL 33609 United States
- **Pre-Lims School Address:**
 - HB Plant High School @ 2415 S Himes Ave, Tampa, FL 33629
- **Call Time**
 - 11:00am @ YHS Band Room on Friday
- **Uniform:**
 - Band/Winds:
 - **Full Costume:** Bandana, cowboy hats, bibbers, dinkles, calf-length black socks, gray button up, black vest
 - Students should not be wearing an excessive/noticeable jewelry
 - Colorguard:
 - Show Costume & jazz shoes, makeup/Hair Products
- **Tickets for Pre-Lims:**
 - General Admission \$25
 - **Parking is \$5 per vehicle!**
 - **Children 6 & under are free**
 - **Pre-purchase tickets** <https://fmbcstate.hometownticketing.com>
- **FAQs:**
 - **What happens if we make finals?**
 - If we make finals, we will be leaving Plant HS after retreat. We will then be headed to Clearwater High School for finals. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE HOTEL.
 - Tickets are sold SEPARATELY for pre-lims and finals. Finals tickets can be purchased at the gate.
 - Based upon the schedule released, 2A bands will perform at finals after 5:30pm. FMBC does a full band, Olympic retreat which will be held at 10:45pm
 - If we make finals, we will be loading the bus and driving back to YHS after the Olympic retreat. This would mean an ETA for YHS would be 3:00AM-3:30am Sunday morning.
 - **Can I check my student out after their performance?**
 - Yes! Please sign them out with their bus chaperone.

Friday November 10th Itinerary:

- **11:00am Call Time:** Load trailer, attendance check, bag checks, speeches, etc.
- **12:00pm Depart YHS**
- **2:15pm(ish)** Bathroom Break
- **4:30pm(ish):** Arrive at Hotel. Students will unpack, staff will distribute rooms keys, and review hotel expectations.
- **5:45pm:** Meet in the hotel lobby!
- **6:00pm:** Depart for International Plaza Mall. Students will have time to shop, hang out, eat dinner, and walk around.
- **8:30pm:** Meet by busses and depart for hotel. Students may hang out in the hotel, use their gym, and/or play games in the lobbies.
- **9:30pm:** Everyone heading to their rooms/get ready for lights out/ room checks will begin!
- **10:00pm:** Lights Out! Doors will be taped shut and students may not leave their rooms without adult permission.

Please note, as this is a field trip, students are held to the Nassau County student code of conduct for the entirety of this trip. If a student fails to uphold the student code of conduct, or break the band rules, a parent will be notified.

Saturday, November 11th Itinerary:

- **6:30am Call Time**: Students should meet in the lobby. They should be packed and ready to go! We will be having a “grab and go” breakfast provided by the hotel. Students will not be eating buffet style. They will also be loading the buses at this time. Section Leaders will conduct attendance checks.
- **7:00am “Lot” Visual Warmups @ Hotel** Students will be prompted to an outdoor area at the hotel to stretch and warm up their bodies.
- **7:45am** Depart for Plant HS
- **8:00am**: Unload Trailer/Restrooms/ Put props together/
- **8:45am**: Sectional Stretching/ Quick Visual Warmups
- **9:05am**: Prep for music warmups/instruments together/Costumes on
- **9:15am**: Line up for music warmups
- **9:24am**: Music Warmups (Area C)
- **10:06am**: Gate Arrival
- **10:20am**: **PRELIMS PERFORMANCE**
- **11:00am**: Return to Trailer/ Change out of Costumes
- **11:00am-1:15pm** Watch other bands/eat/ be merry :)
 - Students may sit in the home or away stands. Students should either be in groups of 3 (or more) OR be accompanied by a parent/chaperone. No student should be walking by themselves or just with one other student.
- **1:15pm Prelim Awards** (Student Leadership in uniforms and lined up by 1:00pm)
If we do not make finals:
 - We will be departing after pre-lims. We will likely stop for dinner as a band if this is the case.

If we MAKE state finals:

- 1:30pm- Load buses and head to Clearwater HS. If we have time, we may stop for lunch at a fast food restaurant but it is not guaranteed.
- 2:30pm- Arrive at Clearwater HS/Check-in/ Eat food/ Watch bands
- 4:00pm- Unload trailer

Everything after this point will be dependent on our performance time:

- 4:45ish- Lot Visual Warmups
- 5:30ish-6:45ish- Musical warmups

Possible Finals Performance Times Range From:

- 6:45-7:45pm
- 8:00pm- Load the trailer completely
- 8:30-10:00pm: Watch other bands/Eat concession/ Meet cool band people
- 10:00pm- Meet at trailer and put costumes back on!
- 10:45pm(ish) Full Band Olympic Retreat
- 11:15pm(ish)- Load buses and depart for YHS
- 3:30am- Tentative arrival back to YHS.

All of these times are tentative and we will be able to give better information on the day of states via Remind.