



MORNINGSIDE BANDS

Dear Director,

Greetings from Sioux City, I trust your semester is off to a great start. I wanted to reach out to you to invite you and your students (9-12) to take part in the **Morningside University Honor Band** on **February 14th and 15th, 2025**. This honor band is unlike any other in our region with the opportunities it provides your students. The weekend will be packed with honor band **rehearsals** in the beautiful Eppley Auditorium, **masterclasses** led by expert clinicians from throughout the mid-west, a faculty **recital** featuring those clinicians, the opportunity to experience campus life at Morningside, and available **hotel** housing with supervision by Morningside University Counselors. The weekend will culminate in a joint **concert** featuring the Honor Band and the Morningside University Wind Ensemble.

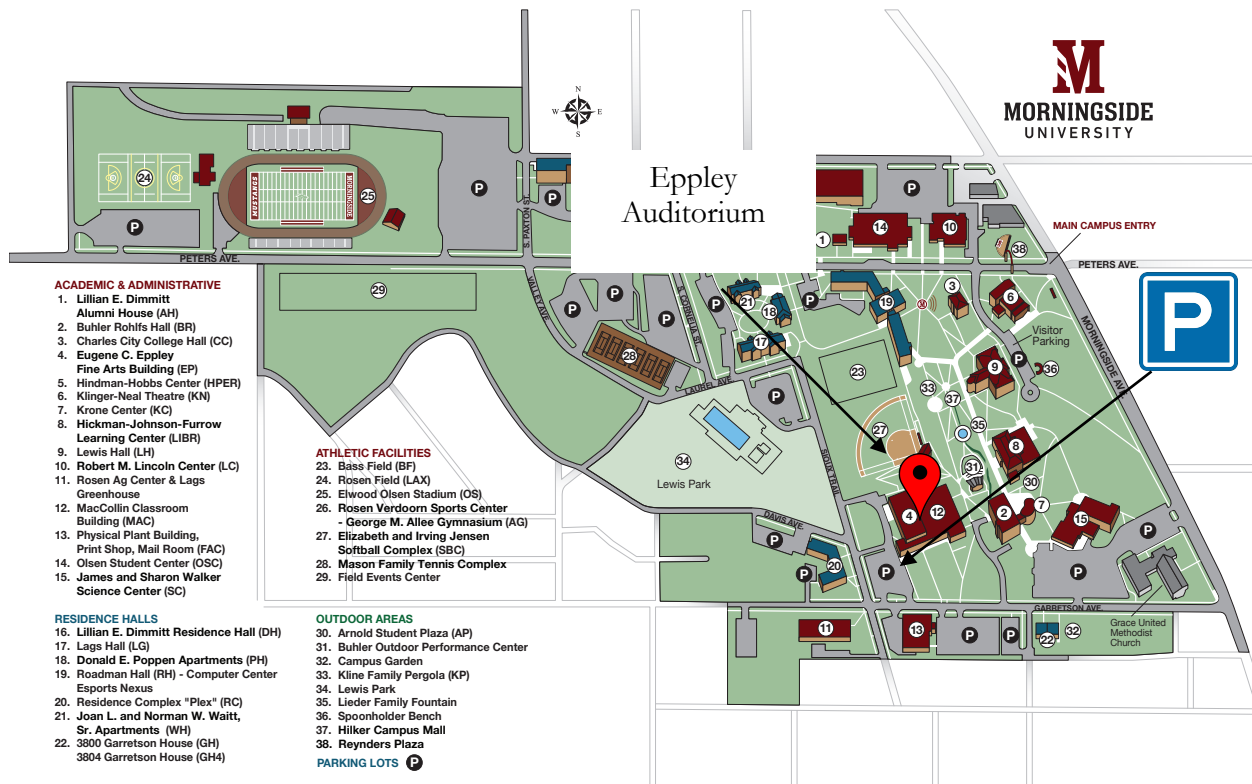
Once students arrive on campus **all meals are provided** and if requested, students may stay in a local hotel with other honor band students and Morningside Ambassador supervision (additional permission form attached). Honor band placement is based upon director nominations. All nominations are completed online at <https://www.morningside.edu/student-life-and-arts/arts-at-morningside/performing-arts/festivals-workshops/morningside-honor-band/>. On that page you will find a Student Information and Permission form to aid in registration. Once registered please bring the permissions forms with you to the event. **Registration** for all accepted students is **\$40** and covers all meals and a festival T-Shirt. Lodging is also available (quad occupancy) for an additional **\$40**. Interested students and directors should register by **December 20th** to secure a spot.

Honor Band Schedule

Friday		Saturday	
9:00 - 10:00	Check-In (Eppley Lobby)	8:00-9:00	Breakfast (Hotel)
10:00-12:00	Welcome and First Rehearsals	9:00-11:00	Rehearsal
12:00-1:15	Lunch (Commons)	11:00-11:15	Break
1:15-2:30	Sectional/Masterclasses	11:15-12:30	Sectional/Masterclass
2:30-2:45	Break	12:30-1:30	Lunch (Commons)
2:45-4:45	Rehearsal	1:30-3:30	Dress Rehearsal
4:45-6:00	Dinner (Commons)	3:30-4:30	Break/Social Hour
6:00-6:45	Sectional/Masterclass	4:30-5:30	Recital Hour
6:45-7:00	Break	5:30-6:45	Dinner Break, Change
7:00-8:15	Rehearsal	7:30	Concert in Eppley Auditorium
8:15-9:30	Social Hour		

Thank you for your consideration,

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Morningside University Honor Band Frequently Asked Questions

Concert Attire

Students should wear their normal performance attire that they wear for home concerts. If unsure check with your home director or wear standard concert black.

What should I bring?

Students should bring their instrument and any accessories they may need for the weekend (reeds, valve oil etc.) and their concert attire. Everything else will be provided.

When will I receive my music?

Your director will receive copies of your music by late December so that you can begin practicing before the honor band.

Do I need to bring printed copies of my music?

No, we will have hard copies of all music for you when you arrive.

Can I audition for a music scholarship?

Yes! Mention this as you check in and we will schedule a time for you to audition at some point throughout the weekend. P.S. did you know that all students are eligible for music scholarships, regardless of major?

I am staying overnight, how does that work?

You will be grouped with other high school students as well as a Morningside Ambassador. You will be assigned a hotel room with three other high school students. Breakfast is included. Students should bring toiletries, and any medications.



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Morningside University Event Parking Pass

High School Honor Band

Valid from 2/14/24, 8:00 a.m.
Valid Until 2/15/24, 10:00 p.m.

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