



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 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. 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.

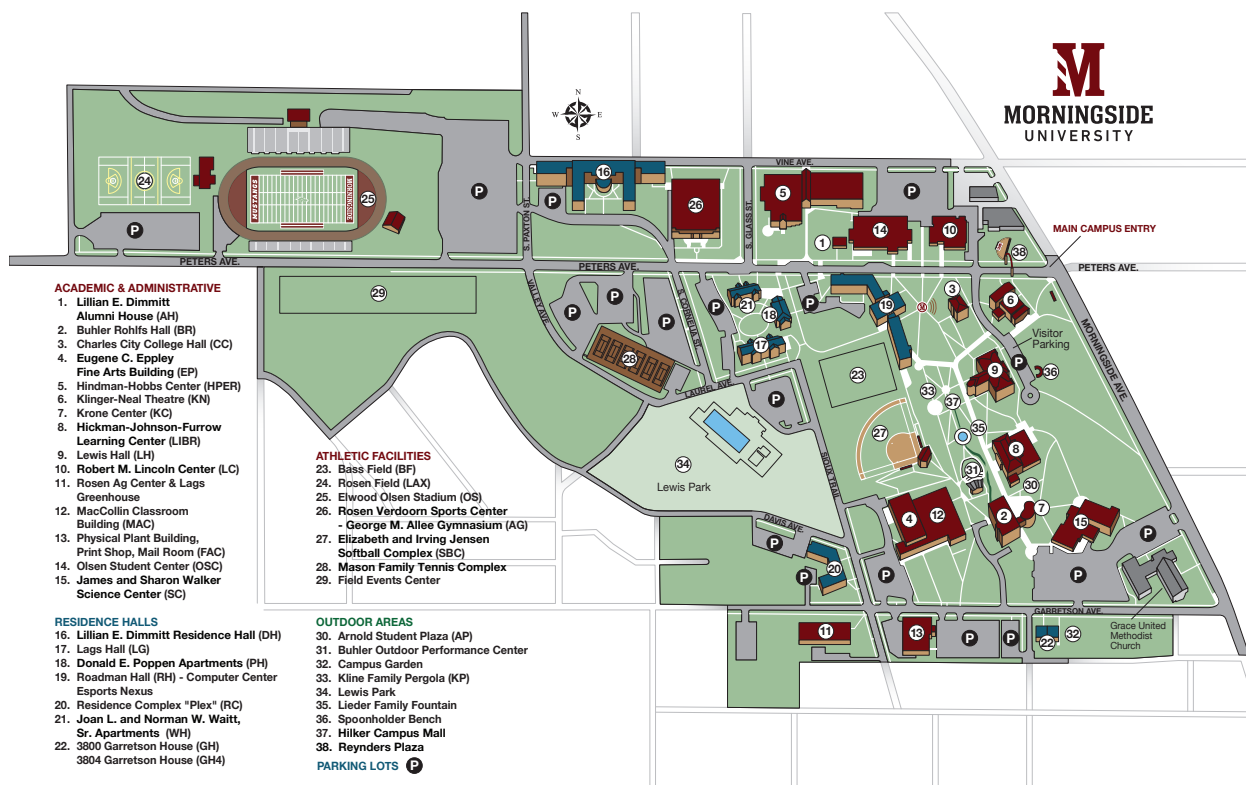
Once students arrive on campus **all meals are provided** and if requested, students may stay in a local hotel with other honor band students and Morningside Ambassador supervision (additional permission form attached). Honor band placement is based upon director nominations. All nominations are completed 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 15th** to secure a spot.

Honor Band Schedule

<b>Friday</b>		<b>Saturday</b>	
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.



**MORNINGSIDE  
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Morningside University Event Parking Pass

High School Honor Band

Valid from 2/23/24, 8:00 a.m.  
Valid Until 2/24/24, 10:00 p.m.

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