

Program Information

Cavalcade jazz festivals are sponsored by Cavalcade of Bands who is comprised of over 150 member schools in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and New Jersey.

Our jazz band division hosts over forty festivals each year on Friday and Saturday evenings throughout the winter and spring. In April, each year, we host a two-day championship event at four different performance venues to conclude the jazz season.

Our emphasis is "Education Through Music Involvement" with no first, second or third place ranking, but rather ratings on their performances throughout the season. Best section awards, several best soloist award medals as well as honorable mention awards are presented at each festival.

New in 2017 is the creation of an "A" and "Open" Divisions which are based on each band current performance level. While directors determine their division, the end goal is for great opportunities for musical growth. In addition, all bands are encouraging to have multiple soloists during their three performance selections.

Cavalcade provides each festival with a panel of three professional jazz musician/educators to critique and rate each school. Constructive criticisms and positive suggestions are given to each band from the adjudicator's digital commentary.

More information about our jazz division can be found on our web page: www.cavalcadeofbands.com.