

ALL-STATE BAND

For the first fifty-five years of its existence the South Dakota All-State Band consisted of one large ensemble. In 2006, for the first time, the All-State Band was divided into two separate, but equal, smaller ensembles. Each of the smaller All-State ensembles is named after two of South Dakota's most famous historic personalities "Lewis" and "Clark". Each had its own separate concert and had its own conductor. In 2013, the two bands began to share one grand All-State Band concert.

The 2021 All-State Band was modified due to COVID-19. There were 523 students registered to audition virtually. From this group, 193 students from 43 high schools were selected for membership in the four 2021 All-State Band ensembles. The four bands were conducted by Dr. Rolf Olson (NSU), Dr. Haley Armstrong (SDSMT), Dr. Jacob Wallace (SDSU), and Dr. John LaCognata (USD). This was the first year that conductors from South Dakota were selected as guest conductors.

The number of students participating from these schools is as follows:

Aberdeen Central 6	Milbank 2
Brandon Valley 9	Mitchell 6
Brookings 3	Northwestern 1
Chamberlain 6	O'Gorman 10
Chester 1	Pierre T.F.Riggs 2
Custer 2	Rapid City Central 7
Dakota Christian 2	Rapid City Christian 1
Dakota Valley 1	Rapid City Stevens 12
DeSmet 1	Selby Area 1
Elk Point-Jefferson 2	Sioux Falls Christian 12
Flandreau 1	Sioux Falls Lincoln 53
Freeman Academy 2	Sioux Falls Roosevelt 6
Garretson 1	Sioux Falls Washington 5
Gregory 2	Spearfish 2
Groton Area 1	St. Thomas More 1
Harrisburg 1	Sully Buttes 1
Hoven 1	Tea Area 1
Huron 8	Tri-Valley 1
Irene-Wakonda 1	Vermillion 6
Lennox 4	West Central 3
Leola 1	Yankton 2
Madison 1	

SOUTH DAKOTA ALL-STATE BANDS OVER THE YEARS
1951-2005 Single Band System

DATE	CITY	CONDUCTOR	PRESIDENT	GENERAL CHAIRMAN
1951	Sioux Falls	Frank Simon	Willard Fejfar	Ardeen Foss
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1953	Huron	Mark Hindsley	Burrill Monk	Paul Christensen
1954	Mitchell	Clarence Sawhill	Sam Koth	Harold Hamaker
1955	Aberdeen	Jack Lee	Fred Johnson	Art Schwuchow
1956	Sioux Falls	Leonard Smith	Francis Benson	Ardeen Foss
1957	Deadwood	Ray Dvorak	Don McCabe	Laverne Clark
1958	Huron	Glenn Bainum	Don McCabe	Paul Christensen
1959	Mitchell	Hugh McMillen	Douglas Carpenter	Harold Hamaker
1960	Aberdeen	Leonard Smith	Douglas Carpenter	Orville Evenson
1961	Sioux Falls	Dale Harris	Henry Elster	Ardeen Foss
1962	Deadwood	Milo Hovey	Henry Elster	Laverne Clark
1963	Huron	W. F. Santelmann	Richard Mylin	Stew. Christensen
1964	Watertown	Clarence Sawhill	Richard Mylin	Douglas Carpenter
1965	Sioux Falls	Paul Yoder	Ron Hilgenberg	Ardeen Foss
1966	Pierre	W. F. Santelmann	Ron Hilgenberg	Norman Sampson
1967	Huron	Donald McGinnis	Paul Hedge	Stew. Christensen
1968	Aberdeen	Leonard Smith	Paul Hedge	Orville Evenson
1969	Sturgis	Gene A. Braught	Bob King	Leo Getsgo
1970	Watertown	Miles Johnson	Bob King	Douglas Carpenter
1971	Mitchell	Col. Arnald Gabriel	Milo Winter	Harold Hamaker
1972	Rapid City	John Paynter	Milo Winter	Milo Winter
1973	Sioux Falls	Leonard Smith	Warren Hatfield	Ardeen Foss
1974	Aberdeen	Col. Arnald Gabriel	Warren Hatfield	Orville Evenson
1975	Pierre	W. Francis McBeth	Len Vellek	Gerald Cutshaw
1976	Rapid City	John Paynter	Len Vellek	Milo Winter
1977	Huron	Maj. A. C. Crowell	Dennis Dafoe	Len Vellek
1978	Watertown	Miles Johnson	Dennis Dafoe	Douglas Carpenter
1979	Sturgis	W. Francis McBeth	Jack Knowles	Leo Getsgo
1980	Mitchell	Frank Bencriscutto	Jack Knowles	Joseph Pekas
1981	Sioux Falls	Harry Begian	Orville Evenson	Don McCabe
1982	Aberdeen	Col. Arnald Gabriel	Orville Evenson	Orville Evenson
1983	Rapid City	Stanley DeRusha	Merle Larson	Jack Knowles
1984	Huron	John Zdechlik	Merle Larson	Len Vellek
1985	Mitchell	James Jurens	Glenn Siverson	Joseph Pekas
1986	Sioux Falls	James Curnow	Glenn Siverson	Don McCabe
1987	Pierre	Larry G. Curtis	Dennis Hegg	Brad Berens
1988	Watertown	Kenneth G. Bloomquist	Dennis Hegg	John Hanson
1989	Huron	Miles H. Johnson	David Haugen	Lance Burnett
1990	Rapid City	John Paynter	David Haugen	Jack Knowles/Milo Winter
1991	Aberdeen	W. Francis McBeth	Dale Fiedler	Jerome Letcher
1992	Mitchell	Weston Noble	Dale Fiedler	Fred Ellwein
1993	Sioux Falls	Dale J. Lonis	Marlin Pedersen	Eric Haenfler
1994	Pierre	Mallory B. Thompson	Marlin Pedersen	Larry Johnson
1995	Huron	Timothy Mahr	Arlen Hofer	Lance Burnett
1996	Waterown	Dr. Robert C. Fleming	Arlen Hofer	Ken Mund
1997	Rapid City	Col. John R. Bourgeois	Jim Smith	Mark Bray/Don Downs
1998	Aberdeen	Robert Sheldon	Jim Smith	Jerome Letcher
1999	Mitchell	James Barnes	Larry Johnson	Brad Berens
2000	Sioux Falls	Dr. David Holsinger	Larry Johnson	Jim Smith
2001	Pierre	Robert W. Smith	Jerry Letcher	Larry Johnson
2002	Huron	Anthony Maiello	Jerry Letcher	Larry Petersen
2003	Yankton	Dale J. Lonis	Bob Goheen	Ted Powell
2004	Watertown	Douglas Akey	Bob Goheen	Ken Mund
2005	Rapid City	Dr. John R. Locke	Toby Rath	Mark Bray/Don Downs

2006 - Present Two Band System
(L = Lewis Band, C = Clark Band)

DATE	CITY	CONDUCTORS	BANDMASTERS PRESIDENT	GENERAL CHAIRS
2006	Aberdeen	(C) Dr. William F Malambri (L) Dr. Lowell E Graham	Toby Rath	Jerry Letcher
2007	Pierre	(C) Jerry Luckhardt (L) Mark Camphouse	Patricia Baule	Larry Johnson
2008	Sioux Falls	(C) Curvin Farnham (L) Anthony Maiello	Patricia Baule	Jim Smith
2009	Rapid City	(C) Dr. Peter Loel Boonshaft (L) Marcellus Brown	Bob Carlson	Mark Bray and Don Downs
2010	Watertown	(C) Dr. Timothy Mahr (L) Dr. Scott A. Jones	Bob Carlson	Jackie Stacey
2011	Yankton	(L) Richard Saucedo (C) Joseph Hermann	Gary Hansen	Ted Powell
2012	Brookings	(L) Captain Brian O. Walden (C) Dr. Jack Stamp	Gary Hanson	Ronald Stary
2013	Rapid City	(L) Dr. Erica Neidlinger (C) Jan VanderRoost	Helen Mogen	Don Downs and Tobias Rath

DATE	CITY	CLARK BAND CONDUCTOR	LEWIS BAND CONDUCTOR
2014	Pierre	Anthony Maiello	Dr. Richard Mayne
2015	Sioux Falls	Dr. James M. Bankhead	Dr. Richard Mark Heidel
2016	Watertown	Dr. John R. Locke	Dr. Linda Moorhouse
2017	Sioux Falls	Dr. Elva Kaye Lance	Dr. Myron Welch
2018	Rapid City	Dr. Jason Caslor	Dr. Christopher Chapman
2019	Aberdeen	Dr. Paul Popiel	Dr. Courtney Snyder
2020	CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19		
2021	Mitchell	Dr. Haley Armstrong, Dr. John Lacognata, Dr. Rolf Olson, Dr. Jacob Wallace	