



NORMAL WEST HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE  
**ILLINOIS STATE CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL**  
AT THE ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS  
FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

## INFORMATION AND PACKING LIST

Bring your concert black, instrument, music, and all accessories to school. Please have your music stand nametag with you for the clinic. We must bring our own contrabass clarinet stool. Percussion will pack during class.

Bring money for lunch at Portillo's, or bring food along with you. Parents should email Mr. B at [budzinsr@unit5.org](mailto:budzinsr@unit5.org) if they would like to chaperone (ride the bus) or if they plan to take their student home from ISU after the clinic, at 2:30 PM. (All students should plan to ride up with the Wind Ensemble.)

In case of emergency, Mr. B's cell phone number is (815) 370-8730.

## ITINERARY

**8:30 AM Report to the band room, pack instruments/equipment, change into concert black**

Make sure you have all music, instruments, and accessories before we depart.

**PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS PROVIDED BY ISU:** piano, timpani, bells, xylophone, vibraphone, marimba, chimes, concert bass drum, tam tam, two trap tables. We are responsible for bringing everything else.

**9:00 AM Load buses (same bus lists as Geneseo)**

**9:15 AM Depart from Normal West**

**9:30 AM Arrive at the Illinois State University Center for the Performing Arts**

Leave instrument cases and equipment on the buses. We are entering to attend the 10:00 AM performance by the Rochelle Township High School Wind Ensemble and the 10:30 AM performance by the Urbana High School Wind Symphony. Sit together and be a great audience. (No phones, standing ovation, you know the drill!)

**11:00 AM Load buses and depart for lunch at Portillo's (bring money for lunch)**

**12:10 PM Load buses and depart for the Illinois State University Center for the Performing Arts**

**12:25 PM Arrive at the Illinois State University Center for the Performing Arts**

Additional instructions may be provided, but it is likely that we will leave cases on buses. Take everything required for the performance and clinic.

**12:50 PM Warm Up in Kemp Recital Hall**

**1:20 PM Move from Kemp to the CPA Stage**

**1:30 PM *A Wonderful Performance!***

Repertoire is *Shepherd's Hey, One Life Beautiful, Let Me Be Frank With You*

**2:00 PM Clinic with a member of the Illinois State Concert Band Festival adjudication faculty**

Name tags and pencils on music stands

**2:25 PM Pack up at the buses, return to Normal West**

**~3:00 PM Approximate arrival at Normal West**

Change out of concert black when we return to school. Take your usual method of transportation home, and have a great weekend!