



Alberta Wind Symphony Information for Parents

Congratulations! Your child has been recommended by their music teacher/conductor to take part in the 2026 Alberta Wind Symphony (AWS) in Edmonton.

**Preparatory Rehearsal
September 26, 2026
Red Deer, AB**

**Residency and Concert
October 22-24, 2026
Red Deer, AB**

The Alberta Wind Symphony is Alberta's honour band program for outstanding band students from across the province. One of the cornerstone programs of the Alberta Band Association, the Wind Symphony provides high school aged musicians the opportunity to work with some of Canada's finest concert band conductors, grow musically, and meet other musically vibrant instrumentalists.

AWS instrumentalists are selected by a panel of high school and university band specialists based on either a recorded audition or teacher recommendation and the responses provided on the Instrumentalist Questionnaires [2026 Alberta Wind Symphony Instrumentalist Questionnaire](#). Once membership in the AWS has been established, parents/guardians will receive an email informing them as to whether their child has been selected for this year's ensemble. Instrumentalists who are not selected will be sent an encouraging letter congratulating them on their recommendation.

Parents of instrumentalists accepted into the Alberta Wind Symphony will be forwarded the link to an online registration form shortly after the membership roster has been announced.

Instrumentalists selected for the 2026 Alberta Wind Symphony program will be expected to attend a preparatory rehearsal, in addition to the residency held October 22-24, 2026. The preparatory rehearsal and residency will be located in Red Deer.

AWS Instrumentalists are required to attend all rehearsals. This will mean having to miss school.

It is the expectation of AWS instrumentalists that they will practice with their music so that they will know all notes, rhythms, and fingerings prior to the preparatory rehearsal.

The fee to participate in the Alberta Wind Symphony is \$299. This includes a concert day lunch in addition to music rental, a commemorative t-shirt, and program fees. Please note that it **does not include accommodation or transportation.**

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Alberta Band Association office by email (info@albertabandassociation.com). Thank you!