



AMERICAN SCHOOL BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION
MICHIGAN CHAPTER

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

The Award of Excellence was devised in 1994 to salute the musical excellence of middle and/or high schools lead by ASBDA – Michigan Chapter members. *The primary criteria is in regards to ratings at the annual Michigan School Band & Orchestra Festival, for the school’s “top” band must have received a FIRST DIVISION RATING at the District Band Festivals for eight (8) out of the past ten (10) years.* In addition, if there are additional concert bands at the school, other bands must have earned FIRST DIVISION RATINGS at the District Band Festivals for six (6) out of the past ten (10) years.

Please note that the band program and director must have also achieved four (4) of the following:

- A history of significant participation at the Solo & Ensemble Festivals
- A significant history of First Division Ratings at State Band Festivals
- In addition to the regular band ensembles, a significant diversity of musical offerings
- Significant participation by students in Honors Ensembles & Workshops/Clinics
- Feature appearances by ensembles at Clinics, Conventions (not necessarily music), University Symposiums, University/College Band Days, and the like.
- Significant professional activities that the director has participated in
- A high percentage of the student body is enrolled in the overall music program – 25+% for High School or 50%+ for Junior High/Middle School. In additional to band, this may also include participation in orchestra, choir, and other music-oriented curricular activities