

DISTRICT 211 JAZZ BANDS FIND SUCCESS AT NORTHSHORE JAZZ FESTIVAL



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District 211 bands were well represented at a recent jazz festival.

The Fremd High School Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Combo, and Jazz Lab Band recently performed at the 39th Annual North Shore Jazz Festival at Glenbrook South High School. Additionally, top jazz bands from Palatine, Conant, and Schaumburg High Schools received "Division 1/Superior" ratings.

"We are very proud of our three ensembles that performed at the Northshore Jazz Festival," said Matthew Moore, band director at Fremd High School. "The students in our Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Lab Band, and Jazz Combo worked hard to prepare a wide variety of jazz music and styles."



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Fremd's Jazz Lab Band, which is directed by Jeremy Figlewicz and Sam Simpson, received three straight "Division 1/Superior" ratings in the second jazz band division. Additionally, the Jazz Lab Band tied for first place out of 12 total schools in the second jazz band division. The Jazz Combo, directed by Simpson, also received straight "Division 1/Superior" ratings in their category.

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"Performing at jazz festivals are always very worthwhile due to musical education that the students gain from preparing the music, as well as what they learn from the clinicians," said Moore.