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MAHS Symphonic Band Receives Superior Ratings, Third Year in a Row Earning The Top Score at PMEA Assessment

Moon Area High School Symphonic Band received Superior ratings for the third year in a row at the recent Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's Music Performance Assessment held at Mars Area High School earlier this month.

The band garnered straight I's or perfect scores from the three-judge panel for the second year running with this year's prepared performance of David Holsinger's "Nilesdance" and Eric Whitacre's "October." Band members also received perfect scores in the sight-reading and overall performance areas.

A PMEA Music Performance Assessment Festival is an adjudicated event which contains two judged components – a prepared portion with selections the ensemble has practiced in advance and a sight-reading section in which the students and directors perform a piece they have never seen. The festival provides students and directors with the opportunity to be judged and obtain feedback from some of the best collegiate band directors and conductors in the area. The rating system is a single numeric value with I as Superior, II as Excellent, III as Good, IV as Fair and V as Unsatisfactory.