

Oregon Band Directors Association

2022-2023 HS Concert Band Literature Criteria Information

By OBDA Literature Committee,

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SUBSTITUTIONS: Directors wishing to substitute a composition that does not appear on the required list should use the following form to submit their request: OBDA PRE-APPROVAL LITERATURE LIST SUBMISSION FORM. The piece will be assessed and reviewed by the members of the OBDA Literature Committee. Directors will receive an email within two weeks that includes the decision and rationale based on the criteria listed below. This is particularly important for groups who wish to qualify for the OSAA State Band Championships.

LITERATURE CRITERIA FOR 2022-2023 ONLY:

Approval for pieces will be based on the difficulty of literature. General difficulty requirements specific to this year are listed below. Every publisher has a little different scale for difficulty. The Literature Committee will take this into account. Flex Band and Adaptable Music will also be treated the same as standard Concert Band Literature to accommodate smaller bands.

- 6A: Grade 4 (or higher)
- 5A: Grade 3.5 (or higher)
- 4A: Grade 3 (or higher)
- 3A: Grade 2.5 (or higher)
- 1A/2A: Grade 2 (or higher)

These difficulty levels are one level lower than the normal requirements as you can see in the HS Required Literature List.

LITERATURE CRITERIA FOR A NORMAL SCHOOL YEAR (as reference):

Approval for pieces will be based on the difficulty of literature. General difficulty requirements specific to this year are listed below. Every publisher has a little different scale for difficulty. The Literature Committee will take this into account. Flex Band and Adaptable Music will also be treated the same as standard Concert Band Literature to accommodate smaller bands.

- 6A: Grade 5 (or higher)
- 5A: Grade 4 (or higher)
- 4A: Grade 3.5 (or higher)
- 3A: Grade 3 (or higher)
- 1A/2A: Grade 2.5 (or higher)

These difficulty levels are based on the current requirements as you can see in the HS Required Literature List.

The decision for the piece will expire at the end of the school year. Before submitting a piece, directors should review the OBDA PRE-APPROVAL LITERATURE LIST STATUS SPREADSHEET to see if the piece has already been approved or rejected. Directors are encouraged to contact the OBDA Literature Committee for additional help selecting literature suitable for their ensembles. Visit the Leadership page of the OBDA website (www.oregonbda.org) for contact information.

IMPORTANT LINKS:

[OBDA PRE-APPROVAL LITERATURE LIST SUBMISSION FORM \(2022-2023\)](#)

[OBDA PRE-APPROVAL LITERATURE LIST STATUS SPREADSHEET \(2022-2023\)](#)

[CURRENT HS REQUIRED LITERATURE LIST](#)

[CURRENT MS RECOMMENDED LITERATURE LIST](#)

[OSAA BAND/ORCHESTRA HANDBOOK INFORMATION](#)