



# Welcome to WBDI Omaha Conference

We have put together some information hoping it will be helpful for you to navigate while you are in Omaha.

## General Information

WBDI Website (This has the schedule, address, map, etc.)

Omaha Central High School: 124 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68102

Conference Program

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(Please feel free to call me if need assistance!)

| CONFERENCE SCHEDULE                                                                  |                                                                   |
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| CONFERENCE LOCATION<br>Omaha Central High School<br>124 N 20th St<br>Omaha, NE 68102 |                                                                   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY, JULY 8</b>                                                             | <b>THURSDAY, JULY 9</b>                                           |
| 1:00 PM Registration                                                                 | 8:30 AM Registration & Coffee                                     |
| 2:00 PM Board of Directors Meeting                                                   | 9:00 AM Keynote                                                   |
| 3:00 PM Executive Board Meeting                                                      | 10:00 AM Middle School Lab Band                                   |
| 4:00 PM Committee Meetings                                                           | 11:45 AM Caters Lunch                                             |
| 5:00 PM Dinner (Provided)                                                            | 1:30 PM Sessions                                                  |
| 6:30-8:00 PM Conducting Workshop                                                     | 5:00 PM Jazz on the Green                                         |
| <b>FRIDAY, JULY 10</b>                                                               | <b>SATURDAY, JULY 11</b>                                          |
| 8:30 AM Registration & Coffee                                                        | Morning/Afternoon Optional Social Gathering at Henry Clay Jr. Zoo |
| 9:00 AM Sessions                                                                     |                                                                   |
| 12:00 PM Lunch (On Your Own)                                                         |                                                                   |
| 1:00 PM Joslyn Art Museum Tour                                                       |                                                                   |
| 3:30 PM General Membership Meeting                                                   |                                                                   |
| 4:30 PM Dinner (On Your Own)                                                         |                                                                   |
| 6:30-8:30 PM Reading Session                                                         |                                                                   |

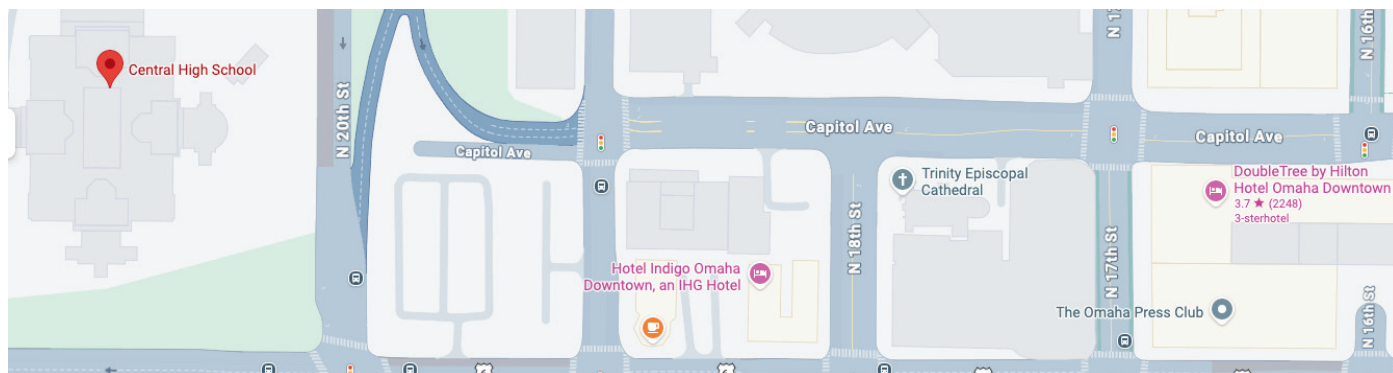


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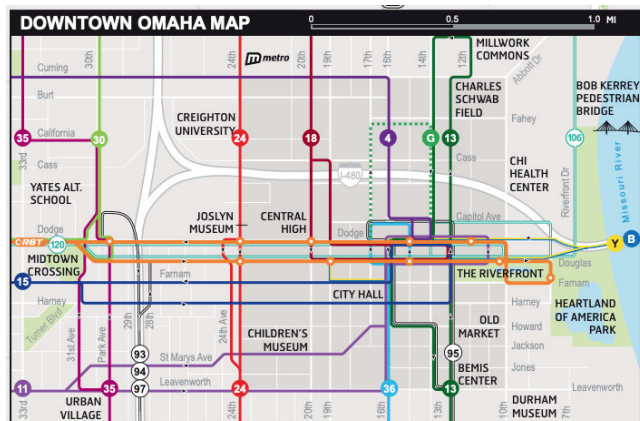
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## Transportation

- From Eppley Airport to hotel - hotel shuttle service or Uber. There is no public transportation.
- If you are staying at either of the conference hotels - Hotel Indigo or Hilton Double Tree, it is only a couple minutes walk from the hotel to Central High School.



- Thursday evening is Jazz on the Green at Turner Park at Midtown Crossing. The easiest way to get there from Central is to ride ORBT (public bus). ORBT is part of the Metro service, and you have to download UMO app and load \$ to ride the bus. Even if you are driving, the parking at Turner Park is at premium. It might be easier leave your car at Central and take the bus.
- Friday afternoon is the Joslyn Art Museum - this is right across from Central High School and we will walk over as a group.
- Saturday at the Zoo - you will need your own transportation if you are visiting. Car pool or Uber.



## ***Parking at Central High School***

- There are a lot of one-way streets around our school. Please be prepared and drive carefully.
- Door #3 (in green) - this is the music wing. We will have registration, all of the sessions, Keynote and Middle School Lab Rehearsal all in this area. You want to park in the Yellow lot and walk across. If you use Google maps, the direction will most likely take you to the other side of school (west side), but this Yellow lot and Door #3 are on the east side of the school.
- Door #2 (in green) - this is the closest entrance to the auditorium/Courtyard. We will have the Conducting Workshop and Reading Session in the auditorium, and both catered meals in the Courtyard. You want to park in the Red lot and find the ADA parking sign.
- There are ADA parking availability in all of the lots with ADA access.
- Since we are in downtown surrounded by apartments and local university, cars get towed frequently during the school year. Our school is aware of the conference and I have requested to NOT tow during our time together. However, if you are parking your personal vehicle on Central High School parking lots at any time during the conference, please make sure to put a temporary parking pass on your dashboard. It is attached at the end of this packet. You can also pick it up at the registration when you arrive.
- To keep our building safe, all the doors are normally locked. I have requested to keep the doors #3 unlocked during registration and door #1 unlocked when we use the auditorium. They are not always unlocked during the conference. If one door is locked, you may have to walk/drive all the way around to the other side. You can call me and I can send someone to let you if I can.



## ***While you are at Central High School***

- Central High School is the oldest and the biggest (enrollment) high school in Nebraska. The main building has 5 floors and the Fine Arts/Library wing has 3 floors. The basement of the main building is connected to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Fine Arts/Library wing - you will be doing a lot of walking. There is an elevator if needed.
- There will be WiFi available. Network Name: OPS-Events, Password: Events!2026#
- We will have some student/staff volunteers as guides in the hallway, and there will be directional signs on the wall.
- E128 is the Instrumental Music Room and E121 is the Vocal Music Room. These two rooms are the main clinic rooms and they are right next to each other. BlackBox (Keynote & Middle School Lab) are right across from the music rooms. Hospitality room is E100, and the registration will be right in front of E100. These are all in one same area.
- Auditorium (Conducting Workshop and Reading Session) is in the main building, with entrance on the basement level.
- Courtyard (Wednesday dinner and Thursday lunch) is in the main building on the first floor.
- All-Gender restrooms and ADA restrooms are available.
- Temperature in the building is very tricky with the old building, and especially during summer, things are always adjusted. Some days and some rooms could be warm or cold. Please be prepared to layer your clothes if possible if you know you get hot or cold quickly.
- We are coming out of an extremely hot weather during the first week of July to moderately hot weather during our conference week with moderate humidity. Nebraska weather is famous for changing quickly, so please check the weather before you leave....but it should be an okay summer weather!

## ***Meals/Food during Conference***

- We have wonderful local restaurants catering for our conference - please look forward to them!
- Wednesday, July 8, Dinner - Catered from Isla Del Mar (included in the registration fee)
  - Buffet Style dinner including Carne Asada Taco, Birria Taco, Mixed Fajita, Rice & Beans with Corn Tortillas
  - Mexican assorted desserts
  - We are going to have a professional Mariachi group perform during our dinner! They will ask for requests, so be prepared to request your favorite Mariachi tunes!!
- Thursday, July 9, Lunch - Catered from Porky Butts (included in the registration fee)
  - Buffet Style lunch including Chicken Leg Quarter, Pulled Pork, Mac'n'Cheese, Smoked Beans, Corn Bread with BBQ sauces
- For these two meals, water & lemonade will be provided. If you would like something else, please bring your own drink but absolutely No Alcohol, please.
- If you have communicated special dietary needs at the time of registration, you have received a separate email requesting your options. If you didn't receive it but need special accommodation, please contact me as soon as possible.
- If you need to buy some food items for the week in Omaha, nearest Target might be the easiest option - 72<sup>nd</sup> and Dodge. It is straight down from Central High School on Dodge Street (about 10-minute drive) and you can take ORBT there as well.
- Breakfasts are on your own. The hospitality room will have coffee, water, and some snack items throughout the days.
- Thursday, July 9, dinner - on your own. This is the Jazz on the Green evening. People would bring blankets/lawn chairs, picnic style on the lawn. You can bring drinks and food and enjoy the evening. There are also local restaurants nearby where you can grab a bite.
- Friday, July 10, lunch and dinner on your own. There are a lot of great restaurants in Omaha, please enjoy! Here are some recommendations:
  - MiSoLaDo Ramen
  - El Rancho
  - Upstream
  - Blatt
  - Block 16
  - Shuck's
  - Zio's Pizzeria
  - Blue Sushi
  - Jaipur
  - The Drover
  - Le Voltaire
  - The Boiler Room
  - Le Boillon
  - M's Pub
  - Cumbia Omaha



Women Band Directors International

Summer Conference

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Central Parking pass

7/8/26 - 7/10/26



# *Conference Program*

