The 6th Annual Big Band Review
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Jr. High and High School Bands From Throughout California Compete for Cash Prizes

The 6th Annual Big Band Review will take place Opening Day – Wednesday, October 5 at The Big Fresno Fair. Jr. High and High School Marching Bands throughout the State of California will compete in the following categories for cash prizes: Parade, Auxiliary, Drum Major and Percussion. The Big Band Review competition will begin at 1:00 p.m. and awards will be announced at 5:00 p.m.

A total of $15,000 in prize money will be given out to bands competing in the Big Band Review! The High School Sweepstakes Band winner will receive $2,000 and the Jr. High School Sweepstakes Band winner will receive $1,500. Then second place in both will get $500 and third place in both will get $250. Additionally, the first 20 bands to register were guaranteed a minimum of $500 each in prize money just for participating and showing their school pride. Last year, Edison High School walked away as the High School winner collecting $2,000 with Central High School taking 2nd place and Washington Union High School taking 3rd place. Clark Intermediate won the title of the Jr. High School winner collecting $1,500 with Pioneer Middle School taking 2nd and Reyburn Intermediate taking 3rd.

“Over the years, The Big Fresno Fair has made great strides to be a strong educational partner to the community and is extremely proud to support local students and educational programs,” said John C. Alkire, CEO of The Big Fresno Fair. “This competition allows school band programs to come out and show off their hard work while being rewarded with cash prizes. Now in its sixth year, this competition is definitely becoming a ‘must attend’ for regional bands – giving them, their families and their friends something to look forward to each year.”

The following 24 school bands will be participating in this year’s competition:

- Bullard High School
- Central High
- Edison High School
- Fresno High School
- Fowler High School
- Hanford West High School
- Hoover High School
- Kerman High School
- Lemoore High School
- Merced High School
- Roosevelt High School
- Sunnyside High School
- Abraham Lincoln Middle School
- Clark Intermediate
- Cruickshank Middle School
- El Capitan Middle School
- Liberty Middle School
- Our Lady of Mercy
- Pioneer Middle School
- Reyburn Intermediate
- Rio Vista Middle School
- Sutter Intermediate
- Terronez Middle School
- Weaver Middle School

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