

### **High School Clarinet Choir Day: Frequently Asked Questions:**

**Q: What age students are appropriate for High School Clarinet Choir Day?**

A: High School Choir Day is appropriate for high school age clarinetists and older. University, adult, and senior enthusiasts are encouraged to attend. This event is not appropriate for beginner students.

**Q: What happened to the middle school portion of Clarinet Choir Day?**

A: Middle School and High School events are being held separately this year to better address student needs. Middle School students are encouraged to attend Middle School Clarinet Day on April 18, 2026.

**Q: I play bass clarinet. Can I attend High School Clarinet Choir Day?**

A: Yes!! In fact, the more bass clarinets, the better! We are always in need of bass, E-flat, alto, and contra clarinets in the group, so if you play one of these instruments you are strongly encouraged to participate.

**Q: What should I wear to High School Clarinet Choir Day? Do we need to dress up for the final concert?**

A: You should wear whatever is comfortable for you. You do not need to dress up for the final concert.

**Q: Where is High School Clarinet Choir Day being held?**

A: This year, High School Clarinet Choir will be held in **Russell Hall**, not the **Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center**. The final concert will be held in Bengtson Auditorium.

**Q: Where do we park for High School Clarinet Choir Day?**

A: You should park in the parking lot next to Russell Hall.

**Q: What should I bring with me?**

A: Your clarinet, reeds (be sure to have a couple of spare reeds), a water bottle, a pencil, and if you want to print out your music, you can bring it. If not, we will provide you with printed copies of the music.

**Q: I have a food allergy. Will I be able to find something to meet my dietary restrictions?**

A: Yes!! We will eat lunch at the Piazza, one of UNI's Dining Halls. There are options for every type of diet, including gluten free, vegetarian, vegan, dairy-free, etc. If you are having difficulty finding an option when we are in

the dining hall, just ask one of the UNI clarinetists to help you. If you have an allergy, be sure to bring any necessary medication, just in case.

**Q: I am a parent or teacher who is bringing students to High School Clarinet Choir Day. Are there things for me to do while the students are participating in the event?**

A: Yes!! The Cedar Falls Tourism Bureau (<https://www.cedarfallstourism.org/>) and the Experience Waterloo (<https://experiencewaterloo.com/>) have extensive lists of activities and business in the Cedar Valley.

Parents and teachers are also welcome to stay and observe as much of the event as possible. If you would like to eat lunch with your students, please make sure to register as a teacher/parent so you can pay the lunch fee.

**Q: Is the final concert open to the public? How much is admission?**

A: The final concert is open to the public and admission is free. We request that students and families stay for the entire concert to support all performers.

**Q: I can't attend the final concert in person. Will it be live-streamed?**

A: Yes, the final concert will be live streamed via YouTube:  
<http://www.youtube.com/@unisomdavishall>

**Q: What music are we playing? Will it be difficult?**

A: Registered participants will start receiving music in September. Generally, we play transcriptions of traditional works, original works for clarinet choir, and some pop music as well. The music will likely be challenging, but not too overwhelming. And you will have plenty of time to practice and prepare for the event, and we will have lots of time to work on the music together.

**Q: Why did I get assigned to a specific part in the ensemble?**

A: Dr. McCandless assigns the parts for students in the high school choir. Dr. McCandless assigns parts based on students' years of playing experience and clarinet achievements. If you would rather not play a specific part, you can contact Dr. McCandless at [amanda.mccandless@uni.edu](mailto:amanda.mccandless@uni.edu) and request a specific part. She will try to accommodate you, but it is important that the number of participants on a specific part is balanced, so please try to make your request as early as possible.