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COPPELL NORTH BAND WINS NATIONAL AWARD

The Coppel Middle School North Band was recently selected as a National Winner Honors Wind Ensemble by the National Wind Honors Program, Mark of Excellence program. The North Band was recently named the 2nd place winner in the Texas State Honor Band completion placing just points behind the band from Grisham middle school in Austin who the North Cougars had just beat at area competition this year.

The North Band was then selected as a National Champion by submitting the State Honor Band recordings from this past year. 114 Bands from 38 states were advanced and entered in the National competition. Judges for the national competition event were: Jerry Junkin, University of Texas-Austin, Dr. James Keene, Univ. of Illinois, and Dr. Don Wilcox, University of West Virginia. The top ranking bands and schools in the country were: Coppel MS North-Coppell, Grisham MS-Austin, Jackson MS-San Antonio, North Ridge MS-North Richland Hills. The top national ranking bands were all from Texas emphasizing the strength of the Texas band programs.

Comments from judges included: "Wow, this is without a doubt the best middle school band I have ever heard", I am speechless at the high level of musicianship and the very difficult level of literature you young people are performing", I have rarely had the privilege to hear many high school bands play at your level! You are certainly setting the standard for band across the country" " This is incredible teaching surely Coppell must be a private music academy! Congrats and my sincerest accolades to you, your fine directors, parents and community for supporting such a high caliber program, Just incredible.

The Coppel Middle School North Band is 300 strong and one of the most active groups in the school. They will perform at the next North vs West Football game at Coppell High School on Tuesday, October 13 . The North Honor Winds is also slated to perform at SMU at Caruth Auditorium with the SMU Wind Ensemble on Sat. March 6. The North bands will also travel to San Antonio to compete in the Choice Music Festival National competition and to spend time at Sea World, Fiesta Texas, Visiting the Alamo, stopping for a tour of the Capitol building and picture with our local representative. The band will also spend a day at the Schlitterbahn water park in New Braunfels on the way home.

Thanks to the parents, private lesson staff, school and community for the incredible support and hours of assistance you give us.

The band is under the direction of Mr. Joey Ashbrook and Mr. Jeremy Lindquist. More information on the North Band can be accessed by going to their web site at: www.CMSNBand.org or calling the school at 214-496-7180