

Temple Independent School District Report Cover Page

Topic:	Temple High School Highlighters and Blues Performance Jazz Educators Conference in New Orleans, LA January 7-10, 2026
Presenter:	Catrina Lotspeich, Director of Fine Arts Jason Mayo, Principal THS Marcos Duran, Director - Temple Highlighters Brent Mathesen, Director - Temple Blues
Date:	October 14, 2025
Goal:	Goal #6 Temple ISD will develop, facilitate, and support strategies to increase the attendance and participation of students, parents and staff in school-related activities.
Executive Summary:	The Temple High School Highlighters and Blues are seeking permission to travel with 50 students and perform at the Jazz Education Networks National conference in New Orleans, LA. All students in the Highlighters and Blues, who are academically eligible, are eligible to participate. The band will leave Temple High School by 8:00 am January 7, 2026, by charter bus. They will return around 8:00 pm on Saturday, January 10, 2026. The trip offers students the opportunity to perform for an appreciative audience in the jazz setting, to strive for musical excellence throughout the school year, to reinforce a cooperative learning environment throughout the bands, and serves as a recruiting tool for future students. The cost for students & chaperons will be \$750. The cost includes transportation, three nights' accommodations & eight (8) meals. Our student-chaperone ratio for the trip will not exceed 10 to 1. All students will be given the opportunity to participate in fund raising activities throughout the year. It is possible for students to pay for most, if not all, of the trip if they choose to actively engage in the fund-raising opportunities.
Budget Impact:	NO additional budget impact – Funds already approved in 2025-2026 by the activity fund.
Recommendation:	Consideration for approval of travel