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Jonesboro High School Majestic Cardinals Earn ESPN Honor

JONESBORO - Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) congratulates the Majestic Marching Cardinals of Jonesboro High School (JHS) for being judged the Metro Atlanta Area High School Band of the Year winner. The selection was made as part of ESPN's Red Lobster HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) Band of the Year event at the Mercedes Benz Stadium in Atlanta. The competition was part of the network's Cricket Celebration Bowl football game coverage.



“The journey started about two months ago with a pool of over 30 high school bands from across the Metro Atlanta Area,” said Mr. Lynel Goodwin, Director of Bands at JHS. “We emerged as one of the top two high school bands to battle it out on the field at Mercedes Benz Stadium against Southwest DeKalb High School at the nationally televised ESPN HBCU Band of the Year Event.”

“After the event, it was announced that an adjudication panel of over 8 professionals deemed Jonesboro H.S. Majestic Marching Cardinals the ESPN High School Band of the Year,” Mr. Goodwin exclaimed.

A video of the bands' performance and the announcement can be found here:

[▶ ESPN Band of the Year Champions - High School Division | Jonesboro MMC Majestic Marching Car...](#)

On behalf of *all* school officials, leaders, and administrators, congratulations to Jonesboro High School Majestic Marching Cardinals for ending the year in such an extraordinary way. Best wishes as they prepare to showcase your talents internationally at the London New Year's Day Parade in 2026!

To learn more about the band and their sprawling list of accomplishments, please visit <https://www.jonesborommc.com/about>.

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About Clayton County Public Schools: Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the sixth-largest school system in Georgia.

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