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Eleven of the 22 high schools competing in district band and chorus contests at Eastern Illinois State college Saturday, April 10, will send one or more groups on to the state finals. The only three place winner was Eastern State high of Charleston, whose band, mixed chorus, and girls' chorus all received first division ratings. High school music director at Eastern is Earl W. Boyd, who joined the staff in September of 1947.

Other first place winners are as follows: Arthur (Class D), band; Bethany (Class D), mixed chorus; Humboldt (Class D), girls' chorus; Lovington (Class C), band; Mattoon (Class B), band; Metcalf (Class D), mixed chorus; Paris (Class B), band and girls' chorus; Teutopolis (Class D), band; Villa Grove (Class C), boys' chorus; and Windsor (Class D), band.

Second division ratings went to bands from Chrisman, Findlay, Hindsboro, Vandalia, Villa Grove and Newman. The Brownstown, St. Anthony (Effingham), Kansas, and Moweaqua bands got third division ratings.

Girls' choruses from Effingham, Metcalf, Scotland, Vandalia, and Villa Grove received second place ratings. Mixed choruses from Kansas, Paris and Chrisman took second places.

The only boys' chorus entered came from Villa Grove, and it received top rating.

The grand slam for Eastern State high gives the host school one of the best records in the district that it has ever made. Last week ~~ten~~ individual and ensemble competitors received first division rating and five won second places. Two of the best individual instrumentalists were ill and might easily have added other firsts had they been present. Despite this fact, Eastern will send 15 finalists into the state contest.