

Sammy McClure Middle School Bands

November 4, 2020

All-State & District Honor Band

Parents and Guardians,

One of the biggest individual honors that a band student can receive is to be selected to perform with the District Honor Band or the Georgia All-State Band. These two ensembles are chosen through competitive audition. The first audition will be a district level audition held in January via video submission. In this audition, students will be expected to perform four major scales (memorized), a chromatic scale (memorized), and two prepared etudes. The scales and etudes are available at www.gmea.org, click on the "Divisions" tab, find "Band", then click "All-State Information", middle school level. If a student scores a minimum passing score (which varies by instrument), he/she will advance to the state level audition. The district level audition also serves as the audition for the district honor band. A student's score on the first audition will determine whether or not they are selected for the district honor band. A student does not have to make it to the state level All-State audition in order to be selected for district honor band.

Students participating in the district honor band will have a three-day clinic at a local school where they will rehearse and present a concert with a guest clinician.

Students who advance to the state level auditions will have a 2nd audition in February. During this audition they will play a prepared etude and a sight-reading exercise. From this audition, the Georgia All-State Band will be selected. Students selected to the All-State Band will travel to Athens, GA in March for a three-day clinic, much like the district honor band, where they will rehearse and present a concert.

If your students are committed to auditioning please fill out the form below. **Students need to understand that this event is an audition; students in District 7 will be competing against one another. They are required to memorize the four major scales, the chromatic scale, and to prepare the etude.** There will be after school dates with Ms. Crozier to ensure students are on the right track for a successful audition. Students are encouraged to take private lessons as well.

Audition Date: Videos are due by 1/14/2021

Location: At SMMS I will create a schedule so we can create the videos and submit them in the designated format. Any parents with a technology background are welcome

Fee: \$25 (payable on RevTrak next week)

Thank you,

Katherine Crozier-Price

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This is an acknowledgement form for the 2020 audition for District Honor Band and All-State. I agree to pay the \$25 required fee, have my student attend after school sessions, and be present on the day of auditions. I understand that my student is required to practice more repertoire for their instrument and that it is my student's responsibility in making progress and being prepared. I understand it is my responsibility to provide transportation to and from the audition site.

Students Name: _____

Grade: _____

Instrument: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

(Please return this acknowledgement form to Ms. Crozier by Tuesday, November 10, 2020 . RevTrak will be opened next week and labeled "All-State and District Audition Fee". If you would like a list of private lessons teachers please contact Ms. Crozier- kcrozierprice@paulding.k12.ga.us)

Thank you! This event is a wonderful experience. It teaches our students how to manage their time, prepare for a presentation, and push them to go the extra mile. District Honor Band and All-State are a great way to meet other musicians around the county and state who are on the same level or higher.