



Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble

Audition Instructions for 2022-2023 Concert Bands

All Incoming Students (Incoming Freshmen or Current Blair Students NOT currently enrolled in Band):

- Auditions will be held virtually via video submission. Use this [Google Form](#) to upload your video(s). You must log in with your MCPS Gmail (mcpsmd.net) email address to access the form.
- The audition window will open **February 1 at 9:00 A.M.** and close on **February 15 at 11:59 P.M.**
- Please prepare the instrument specific audition requirements listed below.

All Current MBHS Band Students:

- Auditions will be an assignment as part of your Q3 Modules. You will submit videos through myMCPS Classroom.
- The audition window will open **February 1 at 9:00 A.M.** and close on **February 15 at 11:59 P.M.**
- Please prepare the instrument specific audition requirements listed below.

Audition Requirements - Concert Bands

All Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble students and incoming freshmen auditioning for Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble should prepare the following for their audition:

- 2 Octave **Concert** F, B-flat, A-Flat, and D Major Scales on **eighth notes** at quarter note = 80bpm. You may play a half note at the top of the scale, breathe, and begin your descending scale. **Scales should be tongued on the way up and slurred on the way down.**
- **All** assigned [excerpts](#) for your instrument **OR** the two MMEA Junior/Senior All State Band excerpts.

***Please keep in mind that these audition requirements are for consideration for placement in the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble at MBHS. **There is no audition required for admittance into the Concert Band.** Begin preparing your materials early to ensure that you are submitting your very best work. Listening to recordings of these excerpts is a fantastic way to understand the context of each section/piece and is highly recommended. Good luck with your audition preparation, and I look forward to hearing you play!*

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