

NHS Concert Band Audition Instructions

The audition process is an opportunity for you to show us what you CAN do, not what you can't. Our goal is to place you in one of three ensembles that puts you in the best possible situation to succeed at your current level of playing. Please consider realistically which ensemble best fits you, think about your past performances, your current motivations, and your overall musical goals. Students will be placed into either the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, or the Concert Band. All three ensembles will perform quality music and will perform at concerts and contests.

Auditions will occur on October 30, 31 & Nov 1 during zero hour, you will only come to band on one of these days to audition. Students will perform the unison etude, concert Ab scale, concert Ab chromatic scale, and will sight-read. If you desire to be considered for the Wind Ensemble you must also perform the supplementary audition material. All students will audition individually for 3 or 4 different judges (one for each portion of the audition), our goal is to make the auditions as impartial as possible. **All students are required to audition.**

PLEASE REMEMBER YOU ARE SHOWING US WHAT YOU CAN DO!

Work hard, relax, and play to the best of YOUR ability ☺

Audition details:

- You will perform the unison etude at 116 BPM with a metronome.
- The scale and the chromatic can be played at varied tempos. You have the possibility to receive more points the faster you go, ***BUT you must still sound amazing! Faster and sloppier is not as good as slower and cleaner.***
 - Scale – base tempo is 120, you may adjust the tempo +/- 12 BPM as far as you'd like.
 - Chromatic – base tempo is 96, you may adjust the tempo +/- 12 BPM as far as you'd like.
- Sight-reading you will have 30 seconds to study and then you will perform.
- The Wind Ensemble supplementary material is at your own tempo, look at the tempo terms at the start of the piece for a good idea.

If you need any help or have any questions please contact Mr. Deardorf or Mr. Meiller.