

Dear 7th & 8th Grade Parents:

Please fill out the attached form to register your child for All-State and/or District Honor Band auditions. Please keep in mind that the process of learning major scales, chromatic scale, etudes and sight-reading is a part of our curriculum and culminates in the honor band auditions. But the majority of the work will be on the student's shoulders. They will be expected to attend extra after school rehearsals and practice more on their own to prepare for these auditions. This competition will count as an academic competition for those students in the Merit program.

The total cost for District Honor Band audition is \$5. The total cost for All-State is \$10. Students may choose to audition for District Honor Band only (\$5) or District *and* All-State (\$10). You cannot audition for All-State only. Checks need to be made out to TCMS band boosters. Thank you to our administration for paying half of the students audition fee making it more affordable.

Auditions will take place at Whigham School on December 7, in Whigham, GA. Those students registered for both the All-State & District Honor Band will not only have the opportunity to participate in the District Honor Band, but if they make the minimum score necessary, may qualify for the second round audition which will take place at January 11 at Perry Middle School. If you register for District Honor band only the December 7 audition will be your last one.

Those making the District Honor Band will attend a clinic on February 21 & 22 at Norman Park Assembly. Those who make the All-State band will attend a clinic on February 27-March 1 in Athens, GA. Students involved in these auditions may also qualify for the All-South Region Honor Band which will take place at Valdosta State University on April 10-12.

Remember that whether or not your child makes one of these bands, they will be improving themselves as a musician by going through this process. We recommend that all students be actively involved in auditions. If you have any questions about auditions please contact us.

AUDITION REQUIRMENTS

DISTRICT HONOR BAND

1. Play, from memory
4 major middle school scales
2. Play, from memory
chromatic scale
3. Perform Lyrical part
of etude
4. Sight-read a short selection

ALL-STATE HONOR BAND

1. Play Lyrical and Technical
etude.
2. Sight-read 2 selections:
one will be lyrical and
one will be technical

AUDITION REGISTRATION FORM

(PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH AMOUNT INDICATED)

My child has permission to travel to Whigham School in Whigham, GA on Saturday, December 7 to audition for District Honor Band. I understand that the audition material to be prepared will require extra work on my student's behalf and I am willing to offer them any support needed. I understand that there will be after school rehearsals to help prepare my child and I am willing to make sure that they attend them.

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE

STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

**PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING AUDITION OPTIONS AND
TURN THIS FORM IN WITH YOUR MONEY.**

District Honor Band ONLY (enclose \$5) Cash _____ Check number _____

District Honor Band AND All-State Band (enclose \$10)

Cash _____ Check number _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO TCMS BAND BOOSTERS.