

2016-2017 ALL-STATE BAND INFORMATION

TO: McCleskey Middle School Band Students/Parents
FROM: Jody Miller and Andrew Paller, Directors
RE: Middle School All-State Band Auditions

Each year middle school students are given the opportunity to audition for the Georgia Music Educators Association All-State Band. Selected students have the chance to work with other students of equal caliber under the direction of a highly qualified guest conductor. Selection into the All-State Band is recognition of excellence in musical knowledge, technique, and interpretation. We encourage all students to consider auditioning for the All-State Band and we will be available to help them prepare at various times before school. Students should be aware that there are TWO All-State Bands.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2016.

The registration fee is \$20.00. Please send cash or check made payable to McCleskey Middle School. There are NO REFUNDS. Please return the attached permission form and the fee to school as soon as possible.

DISTRICT LEVEL AUDITIONS: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016
AT DODGEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Specific audition times will be sent home just prior to the audition date. Try to leave the entire morning and afternoon available as you plan your calendar.

DISTRICT LEVEL AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: (www.gmea.org)

- 1.) **Scales:** Scales played exactly as they appear on the GMEA scale sheet, including scale order, tempo, rhythmic pattern, and articulations. Percussion will also play rudiments and tune timpani.
- 2.) **Chromatic scale:** required range from memory. Scale may be tongued or slurred.
- 3.) **Prepared Lyrical Etude:** the lyrical etude section of the etude only (opening slow section)—NO ETUDE FOR PERCUSSION
- 4.) **Sight-reading**

FINAL STATE-LEVEL AUDITIONS: SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017
LOCATION: TBA (usually near Macon)

ONLY FOR STUDENTS PASSING THE DISTRICT LEVEL AUDITION

- 1.) **Prepared Etude** (entire selection)
- 2.) **Two sight-reading pieces**

ALL-STATE BAND REHEARSALS: THURSDAY-SATURDAY, MARCH 2-4, 2017
IN ATHENS, GEORGIA

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Please complete and return this form prior to Thursday, September 1, with your \$20.00 registration fee. Please understand that the Georgia Music Educators Association will not refund the fee if you decide not to audition at a later date. Likewise, no one may be added to the list of applicants after the due date.

STUDENTS WHO AUDITION FOR ALL-STATE BAND MUST ALSO AUDITION FOR THE DISTRICT 12 HONOR BAND (SEPARATE APPLICATION).

NAME _____

INSTRUMENT _____

BAND CLASS _____ HOME PHONE _____

As a student I will prepare fully and to the best of my abilities for this event. I understand that this will require effort beyond that needed for everyday band activities. If chosen, I will represent McCleskey with my superior attitude and diligent work.

It is also required that all students play their audition materials and be approved by their directors before going to the district level audition. We are not allowed to send students who are unprepared.

Student signature _____

As a parent I understand that my child will not be required to audition if we change our plans at a later date, but that GMEA will not refund our audition fee. I also understand that my child must be present for an audition on December 3, and for an audition on January 7, if he/she passes the district level audition.

Parent signature _____

THIS FORM AND PAYMENT ARE DUE BY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.

***MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MCCLESKEY MIDDLE SCHOOL.
PLEASE WRITE "ALL-STATE BAND" ON THE SCHOOL MONEY
ENVELOPE AND TURN IN MONEY TO THE SAFE.***

IMPORTANT

For a copy of the etude and scales EXACTLY CONFORMING to the GMEA requirements, please visit

www.gmea.org

then click on

“Band”

then

“All State Band”

then

“All State Middle School Band Scales and Etudes”

then download the scales and etude for your instrument.

If you are unclear about requirements, see the band directors immediately.

You should let your private teacher know immediately if you are preparing for the All-State Band audition.