

# Canyon High School Band Auditions 2015 – 2016

1. All students with band experience may be a part of the Canyon High School Band!!
2. Auditions for brass and woodwinds are:
  - i. **Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, at Canyon High School Band Hall**
  - ii. Percussion will audition during band classes that week.
3. All students wishing to participate in band are required to audition.
4. Auditions determine which class period band students are placed in for the fall.
5. All students in the band program are in marching band *and* concert band. Marching Band is a “zero” hour course and meets before or after school for the first 10 weeks of school only. Concert Band is the band class period that meets throughout the year.
6. There are expected to be (6) ensembles in which students may be assigned:
  - i. Wind Ensemble (Band 1)
  - ii. Symphonic Winds (Band 2)
  - iii. Symphonic Band (Band 3)
  - iv. Instrumental Ensemble (Band 4)
  - v. Freshmen A (Freshmen Band 1)
  - vi. Freshmen B (Freshmen Band 2)
7. Ensemble placement may potentially change at the semester. This could require a schedule change (typically minor). This is particularly true for all percussion and some freshmen band students.
8. Students will be placed into three levels of marching band based on musical ability, marching ability, and attendance:
  - i. Varsity - Perform at all games, all contests, and all pep rallies and parades. Note: Additional letter jacket points are earned for Varsity placement.
  - ii. J.V. – Potential varsity promotion. Perform at games (limited ½ time performances), limited contest participation, perform at all pep rallies and parades.
  - iii. Cadet – Perform at games (limited ½ time performances), no contest events, perform at all pep rallies and parades.
9. Students that choose to participate in other *school sponsored UIL competitive activities* in addition to band during the fall semester (August – October) may be placed into “Cadet” marching band to facilitate the participation in multiple activities. Examples of this include: Football, Volleyball, Varsity Cross Country, and Varsity Tennis. If you have specific questions about how band might work with another activity, please speak to a director.
  - i. If you would like to be considered for a J.V. or Varsity level marching band position, you must be able to commit to all rehearsals and events.
10. Interested in Jazz Band?? If you play Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone, or a rhythm section instrument (piano, guitar, bass, or drums) you may audition for jazz band. Band audition placement will determine your jazz band placement. You must be concurrently enrolled in a traditional band class to participate in jazz band.
11. Interested in Color Guard?? Color Guard auditions happen in early-mid May. Listen for announcements regarding this. You can participate in band and color guard. Please speak to a director about this if you’re interested.
12. Interested in Applied Music or Music Theory AP? These are two advanced courses that you could take in addition to your standard band placement. Please speak to a director about how this might fit into your musical goals.