

2017-2018 GMEA DISTRICT 12
MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR/CLINIC BAND
AUDITION INFORMATION

Every year our students have the opportunity to audition for the District Honor Band and Clinic Band. These two bands are comprised of the top student musicians from Cobb and Douglas Counties. This is a great chance for our students to showcase their individual abilities and bring recognition not only to themselves, but also to our school and community.

If selected, membership in the Honor and Clinic Band is a one-weekend, one-performance commitment. Students audition on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**, at Dodgen Middle School. Exact audition times will be published closer to the audition date. Auditions usually begin at 8:30 AM and last until late afternoon. If selected to be a member of the Honor Band or Clinic Band, the students will then participate in the rehearsals and performance February 9-11, at Lovinggood Middle School. The non-refundable registration fee is \$15.00.

Parents are responsible for transportation to and from auditions at Dodgen. We will send time assignments for the auditions when we receive them from the organizers. If selected for the Honor or Clinic band, parents will be responsible for transportation to and from Lovinggood Middle School. Students must completely participate in all rehearsals. Tardies and/or absences from any rehearsals will subject student to dismissal from the group. Students who cannot commit to the rehearsal schedule are not allowed to audition. If a student auditions he/she is committed to participation if selected. In other words, do not audition unless you are able to fully participate in this event. The **tentative** rehearsal schedule is as follows:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

6:30- 9:00 PM -Rehearsal, breaks as needed. Arrive early enough to warm-up and be ready to begin rehearsal on time. Traffic can be heavy this time of day. We need to clear the building by 9:15 PM. Please make appropriate transportation arrangements.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

9:00 AM-Noon -Rehearsal
Noon-1:00 -Lunch (Pizza, drinks, baked goods will be available. Students may bring lunch if desired.)
1:00-4:00 -Rehearsal

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

1:00 PM -Warm up and rehearsal
2:00 -Clinic Band Concert
3:00 -Honor Band Concert
4:15 -Dismissal

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GEORGIA MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
HONOR/CLINIC BAND APPLICATION**

Please complete the following, indicating your permission to audition on Saturday, December 2, and if selected, to participate in the clinic weekend on February 9-11. Return to your band director along with the \$15.00 NON-REFUNDABLE registration fee. Make checks payable to McCleskey Middle School.

STUDENT NAME _____

INSTRUMENT _____

GRADE _____

BAND CLASS _____

HOME PHONE _____

CELL PHONE _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

**RETURN FORM AND REGISTRATION FEE NO LATER THAN
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.**

*Money should be placed in a school envelope labeled "Honor Band"
and deposited into the school safe. Make all checks payable to
McCleskey Middle School.*

Honor Band Audition Requirements for Woodwinds and Brass

- Concert F, B-flat, E-flat, and A-flat scales in the ALL-STATE RANGE and PATTERN.
- Chromatic scale in the ALL-STATE RANGE. This may be tongued or slurred, but speed and accuracy count!
- Two pieces of brief sightreading.

Prepared etudes are NOT used in the Honor Band audition. If a student is auditioning for both Honor Band and All-State Band, however, he or she will perform only one audition that will count toward both. Students auditioning for Honor Band must also play the lyrical section of the GMEA All-State Etude.

Honor Band Audition Requirements for Percussion

- Concert F, B-flat, E-flat, and A-flat scales in the ALL-STATE PATTERN, TWO OCTAVES
- Chromatic scale in THE FULL RANGE OF THE MARIMBA.
- Tuning test on the timpani.
- Rudiments on the snare drum. LONG ROLL, FLAM ACCENT, DRAG, AND ONE RUDIMENT OF STUDENT'S CHOICE. All rudiments are to be performed open-close-open (slow-fast-slow).
- Sightreading on mallets, timpani, and snare drum.

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Students should inform their private teachers immediately if they plan to audition for the Honor Band or All-State Band so that the private teacher can help them prepare for the audition.

Please see www.gmea.org for the appropriate scale ranges.