



Clements High School Band

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Clements High School Band Auditions Spring 2017

Auditions for placement in the 2017-2018 Clements Band are right around the corner! We will be listening to incoming-freshman auditions on Saturday, April 29 for woodwinds/percussion (drumline and front ensemble 9-12 grade) and Wednesday, May 3 for Brass. Current eighth-grade students should use the Sign-up Genius Link to set an appointment for a HS band director to hear you. The audition will be three scales and two excerpts. See below for further details.

1. Scales

- Students should be prepared to perform their scales using a legato articulation as they go up and slurring as they go down.
- Current middle school students will be expected to know the 7 major scales that are used in the middle school region band auditions (Concert B^b, E^b, A^b, D^b, F, C & G)
- Each student will be asked to play three scales. One of the scales to be performed will be selected by the student and the other will be selected by the director hearing your audition.
 - For middle school students, the scale selected by the director will be from the 7 major scales you already know. Middle school students can receive additional points on the audition by performing one of the other 5 major scales (Concert G^b, D, A, E & B). You should choose the one on which you sound the best and can demonstrate your range.
- Students should also prepare the chromatic scale. Extra points will be awarded for extended range, however tone quality and accuracy are more important.
- Middle school and high school students can earn extra points by performing additional octaves on any of the scales or performing the scales from memory.
- Accuracy and tone are the most important aspects, but accuracy, tone quality and speed together will receive a high score.

2. Excerpts

- The audition music can be found on the Clements Band website: www.clementsband.com
- Students will prepare a lyrical and a technical excerpt.
- The most important considerations will be tone quality, note accuracy, rhythmic accuracy, and style.

3. Signing up

- Use this QR code to find our Sign up Genius webpage!
OR
- Link for Sign up genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084daba72ba0f94-clements>



4. Mandatory May Marching Dates

- May 1st, 11th, and 16th from 5:30pm-8:30pm
- Wear a white T-shirt, tennis shoes, athletic shorts, you must have a hat, and bring a water jug. You will need your instrument for these events.

Be sure to work hard over the coming weeks. Practice the excerpts frequently and try to achieve as much as you can in terms of notes, rhythms, dynamics, etc. Do your best and be confident in your playing ability!

We look forward to hearing you!