



Hightower Trail Middle School Band

Andrew Cole & Fred Norton, Directors

District Honor Bands / All-State Bands

District Honor Bands: Students selected into these two bands are treated to a guest conductor and prepare a Sunday concert at Hillgrove HS with band students from our district.

All-State Bands: Students selected into these two bands are treated to a guest conductor and prepare a Saturday concert in Athens with band students from all over Georgia.

Audition: The District Honor Band audition and All-State Band audition (District Level) will both be held on **Saturday, December 3rd at Dodgen Middle School**. *Before reading on*, be sure you're free from **8:30am-4:00pm on Dec. 3**, and free for the **event weekend(s)** you are auditioning for. Specific audition times will not be announced until November, and entry fees are non-refundable. The event weekend schedules will be announced after the audition. You will need to provide your own transportation to and from Dodgen Middle School and to and from the event weekend sites.

Students may audition for District Honor Band only (\$10), All-State Band only (\$20), or both (\$30). We encourage all to audition, especially 8th graders, as well as 7th graders taking lessons.

Help: The directors are available for help before school (8-9am), and after school (4:15-5:00pm). If you take private lessons, tell your instructor that you are signing up so they can help you as well.

If you are not taking private lessons, we strongly encourage you to do so. Many of the students who make these bands take lessons.

To ensure that students are prepared and represent our band well, they should play for the directors at these "performance checkpoints" before the audition. Please refer to the following calendar:

Thursday, 9/1 by Friday, 10/7 by Friday, 10/28 by Friday, 11/18	Entry Form and Fees due 4 Major Scales & Chromatic Scale checkpoint Lyrical Etude checkpoint (All-State only) Sight Reading checkpoint
Saturday, 12/3 by Tuesday, 12/20	District Honor Band / All-State Band District Level Audition @ Dodgen MS Technical Etude checkpoint (All-State Band State Level Audition only)
Saturday, 1/7	All-State Band State Level Audition @ Perry Middle School (Perry GA)
Friday, 2/10 – Sunday, 2/12 Thursday, 3/2 – Saturday, 3/4	District Honor Bands Weekend @ Lovinggood Middle School All-State Bands Weekend @ Athens, GA

We wish all participants the best of luck in their preparation and audition!

Andrew Cole

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District Honor Bands / All-State Bands 1st Round (District Level)

Audition Requirements

(Saturday, December 3rd @ Dodgen Middle School)

Woodwinds and Brass:

1. Major Scales & Arpeggios
Concert F, Bb, Eb, and Ab.
These will be given in class, or you can print them from the GMEA website (www.gmea.org).
2. Chromatic Scale
Required Ranges:

Flute, Piccolo	Low C to High F
Oboe	Low C to High C
Bassoon	Low Bb to High F
Soprano Clarinet	Low E to High D
Bass, Contra Clarinet	Low E to High A
All Saxophones	Low C to High D
Trumpet	Low F# to High G
French Horn	Low F to High F
Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba	Low E to High F
3. Lyrical Etude (All-State only)
This will be given in class, or you can print it from the GMEA website (www.gmea.org).
4. Sight Reading
One short sight reading piece (8-16 measures).

Percussion:

1. Snare Drum (100 points)
 - 4 Rudiments in open-close-open fashion: Double Stroke Roll, Flam Accent, Drag, student's choice.
 - Sight Reading.
2. Keyboard Percussion (100 points)
There may be a xylophone or a marimba, so bring hard rubber and yarn mallets.
 - Major Scales & Arpeggios: F, Bb, Eb, and Ab (2 octaves, same rhythm as woodwind/brass).
 - Chromatic Scale: full range of the instrument.
 - Sight Reading.
3. Timpani (100 points)
 - Tuning Test: use a tuning device to tune two drums (30 seconds per drum) to the sight reading piece.
 - 2 Rudiments: Single Stroke Roll (open-close-open) and Forte-Piano roll with Crescendo.
 - Sight Reading: play the sight reading piece on the two drums you tuned.

All-State Bands Final Round (State Level) Audition Requirements

(Saturday, January 7th @ Perry Middle School in Perry, GA)

Woodwinds and Brass:

1. Lyrical and Technical Etudes (30 points each)
This will be passed out in class, or you can print it from the GMEA website (www.gmea.org).
2. Two Sight Readings (20 points each)

Percussion: Etudes will be passed out in class, or you can print them from the GMEA website (www.gmea.org).

1. Snare Drum (100 points) – Etude (60 points), two Sight Readings (20 points each).
2. Keyboard Percussion (100 points) – Etude (60 points), two Sight Readings (20 points each).
There may be a xylophone or a marimba, so bring hard rubber and yarn mallets.
3. Timpani (100 points) – Etude (60 points), two Sight Readings (20 points each).

Hightower Trail Middle School Band District Honor Bands / All-State Bands Entry Form

_____ would like to audition for the District 12 Honor Bands and/or the All-State Bands at Dodgen Middle School on Saturday, December 3rd. We have checked our schedule and cleared the dates necessary in the event that he/she makes the band(s). We will provide our own transportation and understand that fees are non-refundable.

Check one or both:

_____ **District Honor Band - \$10.00**

_____ **All-State Band - \$20.00**

9/1 Entry Form and Fees due
10/7 Major & Chromatic Scales checkpoint
11/18 Sight Reading checkpoint
12/3 Audition @ Dodgen MS
2/10 – 2/12 District Honor Band Weekend @ Lovinggood

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10/28 Lyrical Etude checkpoint
11/18 Sight Reading checkpoint
12/3 District Level Audition @ Dodgen MS
12/20 Technical Etude checkpoint
1/7 State Level Audition @ Perry MS (Perry, GA)
3/2 - 3/4 All-State Bands Weekend @ Athens, GA

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ (make check payable to *Hightower Trail Middle School*)

As a student, I will prepare to the best of my abilities for these events. I understand that this will require me to go above and beyond the regular classroom requirements of my fellow classmates. If chosen, I will represent Hightower Trail with my superior attitude and diligent work in rehearsals.

Student Signature: _____

As a parent, I understand that the fee for registration is non-refundable (GMEA policy). I will have my child present for the auditions and event weekends checked above.

Parent Signature: _____

USE A SCHOOL PAYMENT ENVELOPE:

School Payment Envelope <small>Sobre Para Uso de Pago Escolar</small>		Office Use Only <small>Para uso de la Oficina</small>
Student Name _____ <small>Nombre del Estudiante</small> Homeroom Teacher _____ <small>Maestra de Salón Hogar</small> Student ID # _____ <small>Numero de Identificación de estudiante</small> No Change Can Be Returned / No habrá cambio; envíe cantidad exacta Send PTA and Lunch Money Separately <small>Envíe el pago para PTA y para los almuerzos separado</small> Amount/Cantidad \$ _____ Field Trip / Paseo _____ <small>Destination / Destino</small> \$ _____ Other / Otro _____ <small>Description / Descripción</small> \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed <small>Cantidad de dinero incluido</small>	Date _____ Received _____ Account _____ Cash \$ _____ Check \$ _____ Check No. _____	

Write "Honor Band/All-State Band" on the Other line.

ENTRY FORM AND FEES DEADLINE IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.