

Autrey Mill Middle School Band

Wendy Wilson, Director



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Dear Parents and Students,

The Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) hosts an All-State Band event each year which is held in the Classic Center in Athens, GA. Being a part of this group is a great honor and wonderful experience. The All-State Band is made up of the top student musicians in the state of Georgia. Students are chosen by a two-step audition process. If chosen, students will attend back-to-back rehearsals for approximately two days and then perform a concert. The All-State event is scheduled for March 2-4, 2022, in Athens, GA.

To start the process, you must sign up online and pay the audition fee of \$25.00 through OSP. The first audition will be Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Autrey Mill Middle School Parents will be responsible for transportation to and from the audition site.

General requirements for each instrument are included. Scales and required etudes can be found on the GMEA website (www.gmea.org) and will also be available in class. Each student will need to play for me at least two times before the audition. Scales must be passed off by October 7th and etudes by November 18th. Audition material must be learned by this time or you may not audition. GMEA rules allow for students to audition on multiple instruments if they wish.

Those who pass the first audition will prepare for a second audition. Second auditions will be held January 7th at Union Grove MS (McDonough, GA). Requirements for the second audition will be given at a later date. Out of the first auditions, students may be chosen for one of our two District Honor Bands that are made up of students within our district. There is no separate audition for the District Band. The format for the District Honor Bands will be the same as the All-State Band. District Honor Band is being held at Johns Creek High School February 3-4th, 2023.

If you are planning to audition for the All-State Band, please return the attached form to Mrs. Wilson and pay the \$25.00 audition fee by Wednesday, September 28, 2022. There are no refunds for cancellations. Please register and pay audition registration fee online. Go to the EVENT tab on the AMMS Band website (ammsband.org)

This is event is optional. Students do not have to participate. I encourage your student to try this event if they are up for a challenge and for those that are taking private lessons. MANY of our 7th and 8th graders are VERY capable of participating in this event and earning a seat in the District Honor Band. With some practice and understanding of the audition process could result in GREAT success. My goal is to see an overwhelming number of AMMS students earning positions in these honor ensembles. You will never know until you try! It is truly a wonderful experience that they will never forget.

Thank you for your time and support!

Musically yours,

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DISTRICT HONOR BAND/ALL-STATE AUDITIONS

GENERAL AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

1st Audition: Saturday, December 3, 2022 @ Autrey Mill Middle School

- Memorize the scales for your instrument. (Scale sheets will be given out in class)
- Memorize chromatic scale the full range of your instrument.
- One prepared etude: Lyrical Etude (opening slow tempo section) – Etudes can be found on the GMEA website and will be given out in class.
- One sight-reading exercise
- Percussion requirements: Snare and Timpani must perform a portion of the etude as marked and sight read. Mallets must perform scales, chromatic scale and sight read.

*More specific details will be given once your registration is turned in.

They can also be found at www.gmea.org*

****All audition requirements must be passed off before auditioning!!!!****

ENTRY FORM

I UNDERSTAND THAT I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE GETTING THE AUDITION MATERIALS AND LEARNING THEM AS STATED BY THE GMEA RULES.

THE NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE WILL ASSURE ME AN AUDITION TIME ON DECEMBER 3, 2022, IF I CAN PASS OFF MY AUDITION MATERIAL WITH MRS. WILSON.

Please complete the online registration form and pay the audition registration fee online by WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2022.

REGISTRATION:

- **Go to ammsband.org**
- **Click on EVENT tab**
- **Scroll down to ALL-STATE / DHB**
- **Complete the ONLINE registration form (you will need your OSP receipt # to fill out the form**
- **Pay the registration fee**

*Please know that audition times can range anywhere from morning to afternoon. Unfortunately, a specific time cannot be requested so please make arrangements in your schedule to be available on the audition day. We generally find out audition times a few weeks before the audition.

*Students may audition on multiple instruments. Please fill out a form and submit payment online for each entry.

All-State Auditions

Round #1 - District Level

Brass / Woodwinds:

Chromatic Scale: Play up and down within the range indicated below. Scale may be tongued or slurred. Judging will be on tone quality, evenness, smoothness, accuracy, and speed.

Flute:	Low C to High F
Oboe:	Low C to High C
Clarinet:	Low E to High D
Bass Clarinet:	Low E to High A
Bassoon:	Low Bb to High F
All Saxophones:	Low C to High D
French Horn:	Low F to High F
Trumpet:	Low F# to High G
Trombone, Baritone:	Low E to High F
Tuba:	Low E to High F

Major Scales and Arpeggios: Required major scales and arpeggios can be found on the GMEA website (www.gmea.org) in PDF format. Scales must be played exactly as they appear on the GMEA website including scale order, tempo, rhythmic pattern, and articulations. Judging will be on tone quality, evenness, smoothness, and accuracy. There are no extra points for extended scales. (3 points are awarded for each scale: correct notes going up, correct notes coming down, and the correct articulation pattern)

Sight-reading: One sight reading example- required

Lyrical Etude: Etudes required for each instrument can be found on the GMEA website in PDF format.

THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM SCORES MUST BE ACHIEVED BY STUDENTS ON THE DISTRICT ALL-STATE AUDITION IN ORDER TO BE "RECOMMENDED" FOR THE FINAL AUDITION:

1. Flutes, Clarinets, Alto Saxophones - minimum passing score of 85
2. Trumpets, Oboe, Tenor Saxophone, Baritone Saxophone - minimum passing score of 80
3. All other woodwind/brass instruments - minimum passing score of 70

Percussion:

Students will be required to pass any two areas with an 85 and one with a 70 (Snare Drum, Timpani, and Keyboard Percussion) in order to be recommended for State Level Final Audition. Students will be required to perform on all three areas for both the district level, and the state level audition. There will be one sight reading exercise in each of the three areas. The area's district level, first round audition requirements are as follows:

- **Snare Drum:** Perform portion of the Etude as marked and sight-read.
- **Keyboard Percussion:**
 - **Chromatic scale:** full range of instrument ascending and descending
 - **Middle School Scale Requirements:** concert F, Bb, Eb, and Ab major, 2 octaves each, memorized, using the same eighth note rhythm pattern and tempo (quarter note = 120) as required of middle school woodwind and brass scales/arpeggios.
 - **Sight-Reading**
- **Timpani:** Two Timpani will be used for the audition. The tuning test requires students to tune (one time) to the sight-reading exercise. (The sight-reading pitches for the STATE level will match the pitches of the etude.) Middle School and Concert Band students may use any type of tone producer (pitch pipe, mallet instrument, etc.) for tuning. Symphonic Band students will be given one pitch at the beginning of sight-reading, and that the student must tune to any subsequent pitches by ear only. There will be a 30 second per drum time limit on the Middle School and Concert Band timpani tuning audition. This tuning procedure applies to both the DISTRICT and STATE level auditions.
 - **Tuning-** Using an acoustic tone producer, tune timpani to the etude pitches. You have 30 seconds per drum.
 - **Perform bracketed portion of timpani etude.**
 - **Perform Sight Reading (Sight Reading pitches will be the same as etude).**