

District IV Band Auditions

To: District IV Band Directors
From: K.J. Stafford, Audition Chair

Auditions will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011, at Grassfield High School, in Chesapeake, Virginia. Zach Rooksby, Band Director, will host the auditions. The following procedures will be followed:

1. Students will play the specified major and chromatic scales (memorized), a prepared selection, and then be asked to sight-read. The order of each item may change at the discretion of the judging panel. Students will be allowed thirty seconds in the audition room to study the sight-reading material before they play it.
2. Each director **must bring two students** to assist with auditions. This is a change from past years because we have added many hired judges and we always seem to be short. The district will furnish lunch for the students and the director.

Eligibility and Registration

1. All participating students must be bona fide members of their school band or orchestra.
2. All students must have paid the \$5.00 fee to the audition chairman (through their band director) on or before the due date in order to be eligible to audition. **Band directors must submit student's names and permission slips with the fees. Substitutions are not permitted.**
3. High school Flute and Piccolo players, as well as Bb and Eb Clarinet players may audition on either or both instruments. **A separate fee must be paid for each instrument and permission slips included for each instrument.** Only these instruments may audition on more than one instrument.
4. Middle school snare, mallet and timpani players may audition on either or all instruments. **A separate fee must be paid for each instrument and permission slips included for each instrument.**
5. High school percussionists need only pay one fee. See vboda4.org for high school percussion audition requirements.
6. **Band directors must complete and return all forms before 3:30 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2011. All fees must be paid at this time. Fees must be paid through school or band booster checks. No other means of payment will be accepted. Make checks payable to:**
Hickory Middle School
1997 Hawk Blvd.
Chesapeake, Virginia 23322
7. Grade level eligibility for the respective bands is as follows:
Middle School District Band: Grades 6, 7, and 8
High School District Band: Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12
8. There is a \$111.00 non-member fee for any Band Director who is NOT a member of VMEA.
9. High school directors – please review the information for percussion auditions. Students are required to provide their own snare drum, xylophone mallets and timpani mallets for the audition. This equipment will not be provided. Students who do not have all of the necessary equipment to complete the entire audition, will not be allowed to participate in any part of the audition process. Also note that the high school percussion auditions require more judges and resources than any other instrument during our event. In order to keep the process moving in an efficient manner, please ensure that your students are prepared for ALL instruments required for the audition.
10. **All band directors must be present to register their students and participate in the audition process for the entire day.**