

To: Conyers Middle School Band Students and Parents
From: J. Hasty, Band Director
RE: District and All-State Band Auditions

Every year the Georgia Music Educator's Association sponsors a district and statewide honor band for the top musicians in our state. Students have already been given a list of the requirements for this event and have begun working on them. December 5th is the first audition in which students will be asked to play a prepared piece, scales and sight-reading for a judge. Students who score well at the district level will be invited to attend the District Band Clinic in February of 2016. If the student scores high enough then they will be recommended to audition on January 9th for the top band in the state. At this audition he/she will play a selected solo for his/her instrument and sight-read. The highest scores for each instrument will be invited to attend the All-State Clinic in Athens, GA in February of 2016.

If you are interested in qualifying for All-State and/or District band please send in the form below with the \$20 registration fee. We will be collecting forms and money for participation until September 30. The form and fee below will reserve an audition time for each student. Detailed information pertaining to audition times will follow at a later date. Transportation to and from the auditions and the clinics will not be provided; students must provide their own transportation to the audition which will be at Cousins Middle School in Covington.

Students wishing to participate will need extra support throughout the first semester in preparation for the audition. This support will be available before school (7:45am-8:15am) daily, and after school (4:15-5:15 Tuesday & Thursday). Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to call me at CMS (770) 483-3371 ext. 23149 or e-mail me at jhasty@rockdale.k12.ga.us if you have any questions or concerns.

District/All-State Band Audition Participation

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

Instrument(s) _____ Date _____

*Please specify if a student is auditioning on more than one instrument

I am aware of and support my child's decision to audition for the All-State and/or District Honor Bands on December 5 and January 9.

Parent Signature _____

I am making a commitment to do my best in preparing for this audition through practice and determination.

Student Signature _____