

Lost Mountain Middle School Bands

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Middle School District Honor Band & GMEA Middle School All-State Band Auditions

What is District Honor Band?

The District 12 Middle School Honor Band is a performing group of middle school band students from Cobb County and Marietta City who are selected from an audition. If accepted into this prestigious ensemble, **students will rehearse with a guest clinician on Friday, February 7th through Saturday, February 8th** and perform a concert at the end. (Much like an All-Star team is selected and plays a game). The rehearsals and concert are held at Lovinggood Middle School in nearby Powder Springs, and it is quite an accomplishment to be selected into District Honor Band. Lost Mountain is always well represented at this event due to the hard work our students do for the audition. Students must perform specific requirements (listed below) and this audition does coincide with the First Round All-State band audition.

What is All-State Band?

The Georgia Middle School All-State Band is a select performing group of middle school students chosen from across the entire state of Georgia. If accepted into this prestigious group, students travel to Athens, GA from March 5th through March 7th to rehearse for three days with a nationally renowned conductor and perform a concert with the top talent from across the state. In order to be accepted, students must complete two levels of auditions. At the district level, students compete with other Cobb County middle school students and perform major scales from memory, the lyrical portion of the GMEA All-State etude, and a sight-reading example provided by the adjudicators. If the student passes the first round district level audition, he/she will advance to the second round state level audition and perform the entire GMEA All-State etude and sight-reading. In order to be prepared for this competitive audition, students should begin practicing the etude as soon as possible and have a teacher listen to and critique them each week.

Important Dates

- District level audition (for both Honor Band and 1st round All-State): Saturday, December 7th at Dodgen Middle School
- State Level Audition (Final Round for All-State): Saturday, January 11th at Union Grove HS; McDonough, GA
- District Honor Band Weekend (if selected): February 7-8th at Lovinggood MS
- All-State Weekend (if selected): March 5th through 7th in Athens, GA

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Fees & Deadlines

If you wish to audition for the District Honor Band AND All-State Band - \$35

If you wish to audition for ONLY District Honor Band - \$10.00

If you wish to audition for ONLY All-State Band - \$25

*****Please return this permission form & money by Wednesday, September 4th**

Audition Requirements (District Honor Band & All-State Round #1):

Brass & Woodwinds

Concert F, Concert Bb, Concert Eb, Concert Ab scales and arpeggios, all memorized (performed exactly as printed on the Georgia Music Educators Association All-State Band Scales handout)

Chromatic Scale, played in a specific range for each instrument (see class handout)

Sight-Reading

Prepared Etude (All-State Only, available at www.gmea.org)

Percussion

Snare Drum – Four rudiments (all rudiments should be played in an “open-closed-open” fashion) and sight-reading

Mallet Percussion – concert F, Bb, Eb, Ab major scales, 2 octaves each, memorized, chromatic scale for the entire range of the instrument.

****All Students who pass the first round All-State Audition will have to play their entire etude (lyrical & technical sections) at the Final Audition on January 11th at Union Grove High School in McDonough, Georgia. Percussionists who pass the first round will have a mallet, snare, and timpani etude in the Final Audition on January 11th at Union Grove High School in McDonough, Georgia.***

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HONOR BAND / ALL STATE BAND AUDITIONS REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ INSTRUMENT _____

I would like to audition for:

_____ All-State Band & District Honor Band (recommended) \$35.00

_____ District Honor Band Only \$10.00

_____ All-State Band Only \$25.00

Payments must be submitted in an official school payment envelope, clearly marked with the student's information and "Honor Band" or "All State Band" on the appropriate line. One payment may be submitted for both auditions, since the money goes through the same account. Checks should be made to Lost Mountain Middle School. This should be dropped into any of the black money collection boxes throughout the school.

Payment is due on September 4th, 2019, the same day as the registration form.

I have read the audition requirements, and I understand that this is a competitive audition and daily practice on the audition material is essential in order to be prepared. Additionally, I have checked my family schedule, and my child is currently available for all auditions, rehearsals, and performances for which we are registering.

Student Signature _____

Parent Signature _____