

NWSA 2018-19 Audition Requirements

Band (Middle School)

Instructor - Mr. Jerald Lowe

Audition Length - 10 minutes

Middle School - Beginning Band (6)

- Interview to discuss instruments and section availability.
- Ability to read music is not required.
- 6th grade students may not audition for percussion and must begin on a wind instrument.

Experienced Middle School Band (7-8)

Students are expected to bring their own wind instruments, percussion students should bring their percussion sticks (Ludwig 2b or equivalent; 1 pair of basic double-tipped beginning mallets.)

Please prepare the items below. The audition rubric includes assessment of tone quality, articulation, posture, artistic practice, audition preparation, engagement, and professionalism.

- Major Scales (B \flat , E \flat , F, C) one octave with arpeggio (must be performed from memory)
- Chromatic Scale (one octave or more, must be performed from memory)
- Sight reading (16 measure sight reading exercise)
- Students should prepare a solo that shows their abilities on their instrument. The all-district solo is recommended. Percussionists should prepare their solo on the marimba or xylophone. The prepared piece does not need to be memorized.
- Percussion (7th and 8th grade only):
Middle School Rudimental Solo (see the website tab to the left "reference documents")
Percussionists are also required to play major scales: (B \flat , E \flat , F, C) one octave with arpeggio on xylophone, and a full instrumental range chromatic scale (must be performed from memory)