



All-Region Audition Itinerary

Saturday, October 29

We are excited that it is time for this year's prestigious TMEA All-Region Band Auditions! The students have worked *very* hard on their scales and etudes since the start of school, and now they finally get to see how they measure up to the competition! This is the most individually-competitive event we do all year, and the students compete with the middle schools from Belton, Bryan, and College Station. Students that make one of the Region Bands are considered **state-ranked** within Texas middle schools! Those who are selected for the honor of All-Region get to rehearse and perform with notable music educators at Belton High School on Saturday, November 5.

Parents, please keep in mind that the times below are only an estimate. In the past, some contests have gone shorter and some have gone longer, so please *be flexible* with us as we give you our best guess as to the actual length of time for this contest.

- 6:00am** - Students arrive at the Band Hall for **free** breakfast tacos! Come in through the side entrance by the bus loop and Cafeteria.
- 6:40am** - Load Buses with instruments (including marimba, timpani, & both snare drums), all accessories (reeds, valve oil, sticks, and mallets), and music binders
- 6:45am** - Leave for College Station Middle School (900 Rock Prairie Road, College Station 77845)
- 8:30am** - Arrive at CSMS and Unload. Help establish a "home base" for cases and parents to hang out, and then go check-in at your room around 9:00am to get your audition sticker
- 9:30am** - Auditions Begin: Good Luck and Be Superior!
- 2:30pm** - Auditions will end around this time. Please be patient after the auditions have finished as the judges have to tabulate and verify their results, and it all must be entered into the computer before they are final. Results of who made the Region Band are posted publicly in the school. The overall ranking of each student will be made available privately to the directors.
- 2:45pm** - Bus Leaves for Grand Station, and remember to **bring money** for games (student provided)
- 4:30pm** - Bus Leaves for Double Dave's Pizza in Bryan (paid for by the Band)
- 6:00pm** - Bus Leaves for Belton
- 7:30pm** - Bus Arrives at BMS

Important Points to Remember:

- Attire in your band polo shirt tucked into jeans with closed-toed shoes. Gentlemen will wear a belt.
- Some judging panels may hear more than one instrument. For example, the same set of judges may hear both Horns and Tubas. Another panel might combine Oboes, Bassoons, and Bass Clarinets. Alto, Tenor, and Baritone Saxophones may be all in the same room or in a completely different room. Students should check-in with the monitor outside of their audition room to make sure of the starting time for their instrument. This is important so you don't miss your audition!
- Here is the total number of students who make the All-Region Band: Flutes - 14, Oboes - 4, Bassoons - 4, Clarinets - 22, Bass Clarinets - 4, Alto Saxophones - 9, Tenor Saxophones - 3, Baritone Saxophones - 2, Trumpets - 18, Horns - 14, Trombones - 14, Euphoniums - 8, Tubas - 9, and Percussion - 14.
- Another very important point is to listen closely and follow the directions of **both** the hallway monitor outside of the room as well as the inside room monitor. They have very specific and important directions to give you, and you don't want to miss anything! For example, they will be responsible for telling you **the audition order, the cuts you will play from the etudes, and the specific scales you will play memorized.**
- Before Saturday, check to make sure your instrument is in good working order, including oiling valves, greasing slides, and checking for leaks. *Double Reeds, Clarinets, and Saxes: Bring extra reeds that day, and be sure to have them already broken-in before Saturday.*
- Your audition fee is already paid by the BMS Band, but you need to bring money for the snack concessions, the after audition meal, and the games at Grand Station. Alternatively, you may bring snacks and/or a sack lunch if you would like.
- You may eat only in the designated area, and you may only play your instrument in the Warm-Up Area. Don't leave instruments, folders, music, and sticks/mallets unattended before they might end up damaged or missing. Also, don't play too much before your audition so you aren't tired for the actual audition.
- We want to establish a reputation for having the **best behaved** students. Make sure you help establish that reputation when we are traveling, which includes on the buses, at the school, and at Grand Station. Remember, you are representing your school, your family, the city of Belton, and your band program!
- As always, your major grade for this performance will be determined using the following rubric:
 - Be Punctual - Arrive by the call time indicated and don't be late (25 points)
 - Be Prepared - Have all of your music, instrument, and supplies ready to go (25 points)
 - Be Prepared - Have your uniform on properly at all times (25 points)
 - Be Disciplined - Both in the practicing of your instrument and in your behavior at all times, even when you are not performing (25 points)