

AUDITIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 YHS WIND ENSEMBLE

February 13th, 2025

Dear YHS Band Students and Parents/Guardians,

This letter is to inform you about the Wind Ensemble audition process for the 2024-2025 school year.

Audition Information:

Date: 4/28 - 5/2

Time: During the student's lesson period for the week

Audition Materials:

• Wind Instruments:

- 12 Major Scales
- Level IV, V, or VI NYSSMA Solo
- Sight Reading

• Percussionists:

- Level IV – VI Snare NYSSMA solo and Rudiments
- Level III – VI Mallet NYSSMA solo
- Level III – VI Timpani NYSSMA solo

Who should audition: Students who meet the following criteria as outlined in the YHS Band Handbook:

For a student to participate in the **YHS Wind Ensemble**, they must:

- Show a *positive attitude* towards their band peers, towards the director, and towards the music being performed.
- Have a history of **consistent band lesson attendance**.
- **Show responsibility** regarding course requirements, assignments, and care of equipment.
- Show a **consistent effort to improve** their own technical skills on their instrument.
- Be a **leader and team player** within their section and performing ensemble.
- **Be able to perform** all music worked on in the ensemble.
- **Be present** at all performances throughout the year.
- Demonstrate knowledge of major scales (or rudiments), arpeggios, chromatic scale and alternate fingerings.
- Successfully complete the YHS Wind Ensemble audition on a NYSSMA level 4, 5 or 6 solo
- It is also strongly recommended that these students also participate in the NYSSMA Solo Festival.

Students currently in the '24-'25 Wind Ensemble do not need to re-audition

Please fill out and return this form and be sure your guidance counselor adds Wind Ensemble to your class schedule.

What to bring to the Wind Ensemble audition:

- You.
- Your instrument.
- Two copies of your NYSSMA solo (Xerox is fine). Please be sure YOUR NAME IS **NOT** on these copies.

If you have any questions regarding the audition process, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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PLEASE RETURN THE LOWER PORTION BY FRIDAY 2/28/25

I have read and understand the audition procedure for the 2025-2026 YHS Wind Ensemble.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____