



South Band Information for 8th Graders

What are my options for Band at Olathe South next year?

- **Concert Band** - Incoming Freshmen that enroll in Band are automatically assigned to this class and no audition is required. Similar in structure to 8th Grade Band, this class is not involved in marching band activities.
- **Audition for Marching Band/Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble** - Incoming Freshmen may choose to audition for placement in band classes other than Concert Band. Freshmen selected to Symphonic Band or Wind Ensemble must also be in the Falcon Regiment Marching Band. There is a music component and typically a marching clinic involved in auditioning, but we have not planned those yet for this year due to current circumstances related to COVID 19 restrictions.
- **Jazz Band** - Incoming Freshmen may audition for placement in one of our jazz band classes. Students must be enrolled in a regular Band or Orchestra class to be eligible to be in a jazz class...so it does require a choice to use your elective credits this way.

Where do I find more information and materials for the auditions

- You can find enrollment and audition info at www.osbands.org/auditions.

What is the timeline for auditions?

- You must submit the *Select Band Application* to Mr. Coughlin by **Friday, February 19**. You can find this at www.osbands.org/auditions.
- We will notify everyone if we decide to move forward with the marching clinics as we have done in years past. We would offer a few options to complete these.
- You must complete your music audition live or submit recordings by **Thursday, March 11**.
- If you are auditioning for placement in a group that is part of the marching band, you must also submit the *Marching Band Application* by Thursday, March 11.

How do I complete the music audition?

- You can either play the music in person for Mr. Coughlin during one of the clinic sessions on March 7 or 10, or submit a good quality recording of the material.
- Live auditions can take place at your school or at South.
- Recording(s) may be emailed directly to Mr. Coughlin, uploaded to a cloud drive with a link sent to Mr. Coughlin, or submitted on a flash drive. If you need guidelines on how to make a "quality" recording, you can find that at www.osbands.org/auditions.

If you have any questions, contact Mr. Coughlin at ccoughlinos@olatheschools.org

We really hope you will choose to be a part of the Olathe South Falcon Bands!!