

2023 - 2024 Arlington County Honors Band

(grades 7 & 8) Audition Music: ALTO SAXOPHONE

Auditions for the Honors Band are Thursday, November 9, 2023 at Kenmore Middle School.
Auditions are scheduled between 4:30 - 7:00 PM. Check-in begins 15 minutes prior to your audition slot.
Please register online! Scoring Rubric, complete information, and on-line registration is available at:
<https://www.apsva.us/curriculum/arts-education/honors-music-band-chorus-orchestra/>

Major Scales (2 scales x 10 points = 20 points): Each student will be asked to perform two major scales, selected from concert C, F, B-flat, E-flat, and A-flat (Alto Sax transposition: A, D, G, C, F). Scales should be **memorized**. Tempo for the scales is MM=100 for the quarter note. Scales should be articulated with a **legato** tongue ascending and descending. Students should be able to play scales in the octaves of **at least** the range listed below for the chromatic scale (figure B). Scales should be performed in the following quarter/eighth note pattern (figure A):

A.  B. 

Chromatic Scale (20 points): The chromatic scale should be played from C to C as noted above (figure B). The scale should be memorized and performed **at or above** MM = 100. Students should play even slurred eighth notes ascending, pause at the top for a breath, if needed, and continue playing even staccato eighth notes descending.

Prepared Selection (40 points): Each student will be asked to perform the following musical excerpt for their audition. Students will be asked to play the entire selection. The exercise should be performed between MM = 90 - 120.



Sight Reading (20 points): Each student will be asked to sight read as part of the audition.