

2023 - 2024 Arlington County Honors Band

(grades 7 & 8) Audition Music: Horn in F

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 (Horn transposition: G, C, F, B-flat, E-flat). 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. Scales should be performed in the following quarter/eighth note pattern:



Chromatic Scale (20 points): The chromatic scale should be played from G below the staff to G above the staff. 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.



The prepared selection is written in 3/4 time and consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic and features a melodic line with eighth and sixteenth notes. The second staff starts with a piano (*p*) dynamic and includes slurs and accents. The third staff continues the melodic development with a forte (*f*) dynamic. The piece concludes with a final melodic phrase.

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