



**Office of Academics
Arts Education
Fall 2024**

Dear Parents/Guardians of Seventh & Eighth Grade Students,

Your child is encouraged by their instrumental music teacher to audition for the Honors Band; this group is for the most able instrumental students in Arlington Public Schools. Students playing brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments are invited to audition. **Former members of the Honors Band are required to re-audition each year.** The director of the Honors Band is Randall Stewart and the Honors Band Manager is Kristen Bartholomew.

Auditions will be held **on Thursday, November 7, 2024, at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington, VA 22204**

- Check in for all students begins 15 minutes before your assigned audition slot. Registration times will be selected on the online registration form
- Audition slots are scheduled between 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- Students are free to leave once their audition is over
- All students will be notified of the results within two weeks by email

Students should prepare the audition music for his/her instrument ahead of time. The auditions will be blind - the student will not be seen by the adjudicators. Please register only if you intend to audition for the ensemble and participate in the event if selected.

- To register for the Gr. 7 & 8 Honors Band, go to: <https://forms.gle/W1ibs52NAPEAyBEk7> or <https://tinyurl.com/2425HonorsBandRegistration>
- Honors Band Site: <https://www.apsva.us/curriculum/arts-education/honors-music-band-chorus-orchestra/> or <https://bit.ly/APSHonorsMusic>

Computer registration ensures accuracy in data collection and helps us run the auditions more efficiently. Additionally, you are able to secure a specific audition time slot. If you are unable to complete the online registration prior to the event, computers will be available on site the day of the audition. No students will be disqualified from auditioning if they do not register in advance.

Rehearsal and Concert Schedule - Attendance at all rehearsals are required

- Rehearsal, Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025, **6:00-8:30 PM, Wakefield HS**
- Rehearsal, Thursday, Jan. 23, 2025, **6:00-8:30 PM, Wakefield HS**
- Rehearsal, Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, **6:00-9:00 PM, Wakefield HS**
- Dress Rehearsal, Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025, **11:00 AM-12:30 PM, Wakefield HS**
- In the event of a snow day, dress rehearsals on Saturday, January 25, may be lengthened
- **Concert – Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025, 4:00 PM, Wakefield HS**
- The snow makeup date for the concert is Monday, January 27, 2025, at 7:00 PM, Wakefield HS

Questions? Please contact your student's instrumental music teacher or Chris Monroy at christopher.monroy@apsva.us, 703-228-6299.

Sincerely,

Dr. Pam Farrell, Supervisor
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