

Mac Williams Middle School Band
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Directors,

I am sure that this letter will find you well on your way to another great school year. Before you get too busy, please take the time to read over the information carefully and make sure that you have reacquainted yourself with the audition process and requirements. Please make sure that each of your students is prepared and has an understanding of the audition process before you bring them to the auditions.

Auditions will be held at **Mac Williams Middle School on Saturday, January 18, 2025. Registration forms and fees must be postmarked by December 18, 2024.** Online Registration Link: <https://sedba-ms-all-district-auditions.cheddarup.com/>

Please ensure names are spelled correctly as they will be used for the program

Directors are to send \$10.00 for each student auditioning. Students registering after this date will be charged a registration fee of \$20.00. You may register "late" until 5:00 PM January 17, 2025. If you wait to register students on the day of auditions the registration fee will be \$50.00 per student. You must be a member of [SEDBA](#) and [NAfME](#) in order for your students to audition.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. The Director's meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and auditions will begin at 10:00 a.m. Please indicate on the registration form the instrument you will be most capable of judging. Directors who are not judging will be needed to help monitor rooms. All directors are needed to judge or monitor.

The audition requirements for middle school are listed on The North Carolina Bandmasters website:

<https://www.ncbandmasters.org/audition-requirements>

Students will play all scales or Etudes for percussion on the required list. The order of scales will be Concert G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab and the chromatic scale. Major scales are to be tongued and the chromatic is to be slurred (except trombone).

Students will also sight-read. The District cuts for solos are listed on The SEDBA website:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1p8IKZuI2zN_QbmAabfpkaGPdaUFGAgoEh4fciGFFa4/edit?usp=sharing

While on campus all students are to remain in the warm-up area (gymnasium) or cafeteria. Students are not to wander through the hallways unescorted. Percussionists are not to set up their snare drum in the warm up area. They are to use practice pads only! Only students that have registered and are waiting to audition will be allowed in the audition area. Students will be responsible for filling out an information form and presenting it to the monitor at the time of their audition. Students are to be quiet in the audition area. Students exhibiting uncooperative or disruptive behavior will be disqualified and asked to leave our campus. Remind your students that if they leave our campus, they are not to return.

Mac Williams Middle School is located at 4644 Clinton Road, Fayetteville NC 28312. Please use the parking lot between Cape Fear High School and Mac Williams for ALL parking. You will have to enter the Cape Fear High School driveway in order to use this parking lot. Good food will be available for students and directors all day. Results will be posted as they become available. A complete list of results will be e-mailed to all participating directors as soon as it is available.

If you have any questions or need help, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time. My e-mail address is:

jamesmcphail@ccs.k12.nc.us I check my email several times each day and it is the best way to contact me. You can also call or text me at: 910-273-5552.

Sincerely,

Ryan McPhail