

Sampson Middle School Band
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Directors,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful time preparing for upcoming performances. John and I are honored to continue with the chairmanship of the 9-10 and 11-12 District Auditions. Please take the time to read this information carefully and make sure that you are confident with the audition requirements. Please make sure that each of your students is prepared and has an understanding of the process before you bring them to the auditions.

Auditions will be held at [Sampson Middle School](#), Saturday, January 11, 2025. Registration forms must be completed and fees postmarked by December 11, 2024. You will find the link to the online registration form on the [SEDBA website](#) or you can access it directly at <https://sedba-hs-all-district-auditions-1802.cheddarup.com> or by scanning the QR code below.



You must add quantities and proposed numbers of students auditioning on each instrument (both 9-10 and 11-12 to the online cart in CheddarUp. Add all students potentially auditioning to the shopping cart before proceeding! It is important that you complete the checkout process and forms online and make payment via card/bank account or send a check/money order as directed in the checkout process. Directors are to send \$10.00 for each student auditioning. Make booster/school checks or money orders payable to SEDBA. DO NOT SEND CASH! On the day of auditions, you will receive an envelope with tickets for the number of students you have pre-registered. Students will NOT be allowed to register without a ticket. Please inform all students and parents that ONLY DIRECTORS ARE ALLOWED TO PICK UP THE REGISTRATION ENVELOPES. The charge for students who are not pre-registered by December 11, 2024 is \$20.00. These fees must be RECEIVED by John or Vevlyn no later than Friday, January 10, 2025. Registration the day of auditions will be \$50.00 per student. You must be a member of [SEDBA](#) and [NAfME](#) in order for your students to audition. Please upload a scan or picture of your [NAfME](#) membership in the online platform or be prepared to present it the day of auditions to prove membership at check-in.

Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. for directors in the media center. Students in grades 9-10 and 11-12 will sign up for audition slots in the gym immediately following director registration. Sign-up for audition slots will close at approximately 10:00 am. The Director's meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the media center and auditions for grades 9-10 will begin at approximately 10:00 a.m. following the conclusion of the director's meeting. Auditions for 11-12 grade students will begin immediately following the completion of 9-10 auditions unless we have enough judges to start some 11-12 instruments earlier. Please indicate the instrument you will be most capable of judging as well as other instruments you would feel comfortable judging on the registration form. Directors who are not judging must help monitor rooms. All directors are required to judge or monitor for both the 9-10 and 11-12 auditions. We need as many directors judging or monitoring as possible to create an efficient audition process. Please support the students in our district by actively participating in this and all events.

The 9-10 and 11-12 audition requirements are listed on the North Carolina Bandmasters website: <https://www.ncbandmasters.org/audition-requirements>. Students will play all scales or rudiments on the required list. The order of scales will be Concert G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db and the chromatic scale in the required range for grades 9-10. The order of scales for grades 11-12 will be Concert D, G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db and the chromatic scale in the required range. Major scales will be marked as tongued or slurred and the chromatic is to be slurred except trombone, which will be legato tongued. The District cuts for solos are listed on the SEDBA website: <https://www.ncsedba.org/>. Students will sight-read material appropriate for their instrument and grade level. Please note that we will be using the fairly new percussion audition procedures adopted by the NC Bandmasters Association for high school auditions this year. You may review the requirements and procedures at the bottom of the page on the NC Bandmasters site at: <https://www.ncbandmasters.org/audition-requirements>

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 the campus. Remind your students that if they leave the campus, they are not to return.

[Sampson Middle School](#) is located at 1201 West Elizabeth Street, Clinton, NC 28328. Please use the entrance by the stadium for parking. There will be good food 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 us. John's school number is 910-214-0387. Vevlyn's mobile number is 910-590-8570. Our e-mail addresses are: vlowe@clinton.k12.nc.us and jlowe@clinton.k12.nc.us. We check email every day.

Sincerely,

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