



# Hightower Trail Middle School Band

Andrew Cole & Fred Norton, Directors

## District Honor Bands / All-State Bands

**District Honor Bands: Hosted at Hightower Trail this year!** Students selected into these two bands (Honor Band & Clinic Band) are treated to a guest conductor and prepare a Sunday concert at HTMS with band students from our district.

**All-State Bands:** Students selected into these two bands are treated to a guest conductor and prepare a Saturday concert in Savannah with band students from all over Georgia.

**Audition:** The District Honor Band audition and All-State Band (District Level) audition will both be held on **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Dodgen Middle School**. *Before reading on*, be sure you're free from **8:30am-4:00pm on Dec. 3**, and free for the **event weekend(s)** you are auditioning for. Audition times and rehearsal schedules will be announced later. Entry fees are non-refundable. You will need to provide your own transportation to and from Dodgen Middle School and to and from the event weekend sites.

Students may audition for District Honor Band only (\$7), All-State Band only (\$18), or both (\$25). We encourage you to audition.

**Help:** The directors are available for help before school (8-9am), and after school (4:15-5:00). If you take private lessons, tell your instructor that you are signing up so they can help you as well.

If you are not taking private lessons, we strongly encourage you to do so. Many of the students who make these bands take lessons.

To ensure that students are prepared and represent our band well, they will play for the directors at various "performance checkpoints" before the audition. Please refer to the following calendar:

<b>Friday, 9/16</b>	<b>Entry Form and Fees due</b>
by Friday, 10/7	4 Major Scales & Chromatic Scale checkpoint
by Friday, 10/28	Lyrical Etude checkpoint (All-State only)
by Friday, 11/11	Sight Reading checkpoint
<b>Saturday, 12/3</b>	<b>District Honor Band / All-State Band District Level Audition @ Dodgen MS</b>
by Friday, 12/21	Technical Etude checkpoint (All-State Band State Level Audition only)
<b>Saturday, 1/7</b>	<b>All-State Band State Level Audition @ Perry Middle School (Perry GA)</b>
<b>Friday, 2/10 – Sunday, 2/12</b>	<b>District Honor Bands Weekend @ <u>HTMS!</u></b>
<b>Thursday, 3/1 – Saturday, 3/3</b>	<b>All-State Bands Weekend @ Savannah, GA</b>

We wish all participants the best of luck in their preparation and audition!

Andrew Cole

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# District Honor Bands / All-State Bands 1<sup>st</sup> Round (District Level)

## Audition Requirements

(Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Dodgen Middle School)

### Woodwinds and Brass:

1. Major Scales & Arpeggios  
Concert F, Bb, Eb, and Ab. These will be passed out in class, or you can print them from the GMEA website ([www.gmea.org](http://www.gmea.org)).
2. Chromatic Scale  
Required Ranges:

Flute, Piccolo	Low C to High F
Oboe	Low C to High C
Bassoon	Low Bb to High F
Soprano Clarinet	Low E to High D
Bass, Contra Clarinet	Low E to High A
All Saxophones	Low C to High D
Trumpet	Low F# to High G
French Horn	Low F to High F
Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba	Low E to High F
3. Lyrical Etude (All-State only)  
This will be passed out in class, or you can print it from the GMEA website ([www.gmea.org](http://www.gmea.org)).
4. Sight Reading  
One short sight reading piece (8-16 measures).

### Percussion:

1. Snare Drum (100 points)
  - 4 Rudiments in open-close-open fashion: Double Stroke Roll, Flam Accent, Drag, student's choice.
  - Sight Reading.
2. Keyboard Percussion (100 points)  
*There may be a xylophone or a marimba, so bring hard rubber and yarn mallets.*
  - Major Scales & Arpeggios: F, Bb, Eb, and Ab (2 octaves, same rhythm as woodwind/brass).
  - Chromatic Scale: full range of the instrument.
  - Sight Reading.
3. Timpani (100 points)
  - Tuning Test: use a tuning fork to tune two drums (30 seconds per drum) to the sight reading piece.
  - 2 Rudiments: Single Stroke Roll (open-close-open) and Single Stroke Roll with dynamics: *fp* to *cresc.*
  - Sight Reading: play the sight reading piece on the two drums you tuned.

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## All-State Bands Final Round (State Level) Audition Requirements

(Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ Perry Middle School in Perry, GA)

### Woodwinds and Brass:

1. Technical Etude (60 points)  
This will be passed out in class, or you can print it from the GMEA website ([www.gmea.org](http://www.gmea.org)).
2. Two Sight Readings (20 points each)

### Percussion: Etudes will be passed out in class, or you can print them from the GMEA website ([www.gmea.org](http://www.gmea.org)).

1. Snare Drum (100 points) – Etude (60 points), two Sight Readings (20 points each).
2. Keyboard Percussion (100 points) – Etude (60 points), two Sight Readings (20 points each).  
*There may be a xylophone or a marimba, so bring hard rubber and yarn mallets.*
3. Timpani (100 points) – Etude (60 points), two Sight Readings (20 points each).

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## District Honor Bands / All-State Bands Entry Form

\_\_\_\_\_ would like to audition for the District 12 Honor Bands and/or the All-State Bands at Dodgen Middle School on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have checked our schedule and cleared the dates necessary in the event that he/she makes the band(s). We will provide our own transportation and understand that all fees are non-refundable.

**Check one or both:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **District Honor Band - \$7.00**

- 9/16 Entry Form and Fees due
- 10/7 Major & Chromatic Scales checkpoint
- 11/11 Sight Reading checkpoint
- 12/3 Audition @ Dodgen MS
- 2/10 – 2/12 District Honor Band Weekend @ **HTMS!**

\_\_\_\_\_ **All-State Band - \$18.00**

- 9/16 Entry Form and Fees due
- 10/7 Major & Chromatic Scales checkpoint
- 10/28 Lyrical Etude checkpoint
- 11/11 Sight Reading checkpoint
- 12/3 District Level Audition @ Dodgen MS
- 12/21 Technical Etude checkpoint
- 1/7 State Level Audition @ Perry MS (Perry, GA)
- 3/1 – 3/3 All-State Bands Weekend @ Savannah, GA

**Total Amount Enclosed:** \$\_\_\_\_\_ (make check payable to *Hightower Trail Middle School*)

As a student, I will prepare to the best of my abilities for these events. I understand that this will require me to go above and beyond the regular classroom requirements of my fellow classmates. If chosen, I will represent Hightower Trail with my superior attitude and diligent work in rehearsals.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent, I understand that the fee for registration is non-refundable (GMEA policy). I will have my child present for the auditions and event weekends checked above.

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **USE A SCHOOL PAYMENT ENVELOPE:**

<b>School Payment Envelope</b> <small>Sobre Para Uso de Pago Escolar</small>		<b>Office Use Only</b> <small>Para uso del la Oficina</small>
<b>Student Name</b> _____ <small>Nombre del Estudiante</small> <b>Homeroom Teacher</b> _____ <small>Maestra de Salón Hogar</small>	<b>DATE</b> _____ <small>Fecha</small> <b>Grade</b> _____ <small>Grado</small>	<b>Date Received</b> _____ <b>Account</b> _____ <b>Cash \$</b> _____ <b>Check \$</b> _____ <b>Check No.</b> _____
<b>No Change Can Be Returned / No habrá cambio; envíe cantidad exacta</b> <b>Send PTA and Lunch Money Separately</b> Envíe el pago para PTA y para los almuerzos separado		
<b>Amount/Cantidad</b>		
\$ _____	Field Trip / Paseo _____ <small>Destination / Destino</small>	
\$ _____	Other / Otro _____ <small>Description / Descripción</small>	
\$ _____	<b>Total Amount Enclosed</b> <small>Cantidad de dinero incluido</small>	

**ENTRY FORM AND FEES DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.**

*Entry Form goes in the blue basket in the band room. School Payment Envelope goes in the school safe in the Atrium.*