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## All-District Auditions 2017

Auditions for placement into one of the two Northwest District All-District Bands is quickly approaching! Our state is divided into 6 districts, and there are 13 counties in our district. Students from all 13 counties come together to audition for a spot in one of two middle school bands; the concert band or the symphonic band. It is an honor to audition, and even more of one to make it. Good luck to those that are auditioning; I know that they will represent South very well!

### District Audition Date & Location

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at Central Davidson Middle School in Lexington.  
Snow Date – Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

### Clinic Information (More to come if student makes one of the bands)

For students making one of the All-District bands, the rehearsals and concert will be February 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> on the campus of Watauga High School and Appalachian State University. Please note that if students are auditioning, they should be able to be in attendance of the entire clinic if they are selected. Being in attendance for the entire clinic is a Northwest District Bandmasters policy!

### Audition Fee & Permission Form

There is a **\$10** fee for those that wish to audition. Students auditioning on multiple instruments will have to pay for each instrument on which they are auditioning (i.e. mallets and snare, mallets and timpani, trumpet and clarinet). This fee is nonrefundable once paid and a check for registration has been made.

Didn't sign up by the deadline but wish to audition? Students signing up after our deadline will need to pay a registration fee of \$20 per the Northwest District Bandmasters Association.

Please return the permission form and the fee to Mr. McCrary in a sealed envelope by **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** (this is a firm deadline!). Checks should be made payable to SDMS.

### Schedule

7:30 AM	Meet at SDMS for departure to Central Davidson MS
7:45 AM	Depart for Lexington, and pick Ellis students up on the way.
8:30 AM	Breakfast stop: McDonald's of Lexington
9:15 AM	Depart for Central Davidson MS
11:00 AM	Approximate Audition Start
5:00 PM	Approximate End of Auditions (Depends on the number of students that need to audition)

Upon arrival to CDMS, students should go to the gym and sit in their designated instrument areas. Students should read, do homework, or socialize quietly with the others in their sections. Students are to not run around the school or gym. They are not to play current music played in class or other material; this sends a poor reflection of the band program and will tire out their "chops." Before auditioning, students should do a brief warm-up, run through their material, and go complete their audition.

Students should NOT try to audition first. Students should be courteous, kind, and respectful to all. They are to wait in the gym until auditions start. They will be assigned an audition number that will be called out; however, they do not have to go when that number is called. The sooner they get in line, the sooner they finish.

### Transportation

All students auditioning are to ride the bus to CDMS. We can offer bus transportation back from the auditions, but since students are not given specific times, there no way to determine when auditions will be over as they usually run to 5 or 6 pm. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you pick your child up after they have auditioned.

Since I will be judging, I will not be available to allow the students to phone for a ride, so please plan accordingly. If picking up students, have students call you as they are getting in line. Also, please be prompt in picking up as we do not

want to have students waiting for a ride when we are ready to depart campus. Also, for those riding the bus back, we are unable to give a definite return time.

### **Dress**

While it is not necessary for students to dress in a suit, we do ask that students dress a little nicer than they may for school. No rips or holes in jeans, appropriate school dress code. Also, please avoid wearing SDMS related attire.

### **Behavior**

Students are reminded that while they are at CDMS, they are representing SDMS. Students should be courteous to everyone they interact with, and should use manners at all times. We want to set a positive tone at the auditions and students should be a classy and respectful representation of SDMS. No horseplay or other issues will be tolerated.

### **Meals**

Students will have the chance to eat breakfast on the way to auditions. The Central Davidson Band Boosters usually have various foods and snacks available for purchase. If they plan to eat at the auditions, students should have at least \$5-\$10 for meals/snacks. Food and soda should be eaten AFTER auditioning!

### **Directions**

Do not rely on your GPS as they tend to lead you to the wrong place!

Address: 2591 NC Highway 47, Lexington, NC 27292

From South Davie Middle School to Central Davidson Middle School

Take S Davie Dr to Sanford Ave

1. Head northwest on S Davie Dr toward Sanford Ave

2. Turn right onto Sanford Ave

Follow US-64 E to W Center St in Lexington

3. Turn right to stay on Sanford Ave

4. Continue onto US-64 E/W Lexington Rd

Continue to follow US-64 E

5. Continue straight onto W Center St

6. Turn left onto E Center St Ext

7. Slight right onto Old Raleigh Rd/E Old US Highway 64

Continue to follow E Old US Highway 64

8. Turn right onto Becks Church Rd

9. Turn left onto NC-47 E. Destination will be on the left.

Again, good luck to all those that are auditioning!

Thank you,

Justin McCrary