

Niceville High School Band Department of Bands

General Audition Requirements (revised) 2024-25

All students will audition for chair placement in our Concert Ensembles. Auditions will be held in May/June to determine placement for the following school year. The audition will count as part of the semester exam score. Any movement between ensembles at the semester will depend on available flexibility in the campus wide master schedule.

Audition materials and schedules will be available prior to the audition. They can be found online at www.nicevilleband.com on the "Audition/Tryouts" tab page, or in the NHS band office. The office phone is 833-4261.

The Niceville Band has 3 Concert Ensembles which are named Concert Band (3rd band), Symphonic Winds (2nd band), and Wind Symphony (1st band). Each ensemble has minimum requirements to gain entry. In the event that the ensemble count changes from 3 Concert Ensembles to 2 Concert Ensembles, the audition requirements for Wind Symphony will remain unchanged, and the requirements for the 2nd band will be that of Concert Band (with additional points given to those that completed the requirements for Symphonic Winds).

IMPORTANT: Students must pass minimum published requirements to be considered for admission to any class. However, completion of minimum requirements for an ensemble does not automatically ensure membership in that ensemble. We will take the best performers as a result of the auditions while utilizing basic industry standards for balanced instrumentation in each performing ensemble. This will insure the proper educational experience for accurate and authentic reproduction of modern band literature.

The Director of Bands reserves the right to make alterations to membership in ANY ensemble for ANY reason deemed appropriate. This includes but is not limited to behavior, attitude, attendance record, level of preparation, instrumentation needs, scheduling conflicts, lack of acceptable progress, needs of music being played, etc.

Members of the Wind Ensemble (and students who wish to audition for Wind Ensemble) are expected to audition for the All -County Band. All-County Auditions take place during the end of the Fall Semester. To audition for All-County Band, students must pass the local screening audition.

Audition scoring is based on Scales (100pts.), Prepared Etude(s) (100pts.), and Sight Reading (100pts.). Points for all auditions components are assigned by analysis of: Tone Quality, Intonation, Accuracy of Pitch, Accuracy of Rhythm, Stability of Pulse, and Musicality.

If a student successfully auditions into an ensemble and cannot make the class period time slot, they will be placed in the ensemble below their auditioned ensemble (e.g. Symphonic Winds to Concert Band). Students cannot be moved up into an ensemble they haven't successfully auditioned for if they cannot make their class time slot (e.g. Concert Band to Symphonic Winds).

Please read the next page for specified ensemble playing requirements and the methods the student will audition by.

Wind Ensemble Minimum Playing Requirements:

- Scales
 - **MUST BE PLAYED FROM MEMORY**
 - Chromatic (2 octave minimum – All State 11-12 range requirement)
 - 12 Major keys played in Circle of 4ths order, beginning with Concert C
 - 2 minute 30 second time limit
 - 5 points per complete octave
- Prepared etude(s)
 - Published on NHS band website (nicevilleband.com)
- Sight-Reading

Symphonic Winds Minimum Playing Requirements:

- Scales
 - Memorization not required – extra points for memorizing!
 - Chromatic (2 octave minimum – All State 11-12 range requirement)
 - **12 Major keys** played in Circle of 4ths order, beginning with Concert C
 - 2 minute 30 second time limit
 - 5 points per complete octave
- Prepared etude(s)
 - Published on NHS band website (nicevilleband.com)
- Sight-Reading

Concert Band Minimum Playing Requirements:

- Scales
 - Memorization not required – extra points for memorizing!
 - Chromatic (2 octave minimum – All State 11/12 range requirement)
 - **7 Major keys** (Concert C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, Gb)
 - 2 minute 30 second time limit
 - 5 points per complete octave
- Prepared etude(s)
 - Published on NHS band website (nicevilleband.com). Etude must be attempted, minimum of the first 8 measures.
- Sight-Reading

Methods for Submitting

- Scales and Prepared Etude

Scales and the Prepared Etude will be submitted **through Google Classroom in one video, due May 7th**. Students will need to “register” through the Google Classroom Link: **4zwhxhe**. A step-by-step instruction sheet for submitting videos via Google Classroom will be attached with this information, posted on the front page of the Band Website (nicevilleband.com) and in the “Audition/Tryouts” link on the website.
- Sight-Reading

Sight-reading will be **in person, May 8th and 9th from 2:30-4:30 at the NHS Band room**. May 8th will be for A-L last names, and the 9th will be for M-Z last names. First come, first serve.

If you have issues or conflict with either of these methods, please reach out to the directors via email (Matt.Tenore@okaloosaschools.com) or phone (850-833-4261).