

Information for Parents

To: Parents of students auditioning for the VBODA District 8 All District Band

Fr: Audition Chair

Re: All District Band Auditions

This information is intended to give parents of students auditioning for the VBODA District 8 All District Band a better understanding of the audition process. Please understand that our hosts Tabb Hs and Bethel HS will be helping to get approximately 1100 students through the audition process. Every effort will be made to ensure an equitable and fair process for all involved.

You student should receive from their home director the following:

- 1) Directions to either Phenix MS(Woodwinds) or Bethel HS(Brass & Percussion)
 - a. Phenix MS (1061 Big Bethel Rd, Hampton,, VA 23666)
 - b. Bethel HS (1067 Big Bethel Rd, Hampton, VA 23666)
- 2) Guidelines for students to follow during the audition process
- 3) A registration slip. This must be filled out and turned in at the appropriate registration table.
- 4) A registration time.

Each director has also been furnished with the number of students that are pre-registered to audition on each instrument. Judging for most instruments will begin promptly at 8:00am. Judges usually hear 12 - 13 students per hour and, once a student has their registration number, he or she can make a fairly accurate guess as to how long the wait will be to enter the actual audition process. Once a child leaves the assembly area to audition, parents should plan on about 45 minutes until their child is finished. Again, please remember, every effort will be made to ensure an equitable and fair process for all involved. Your patience and understanding will be greatly appreciated as we work to get all 1200 students through the audition process.

On behalf of the participating directors of District 8 of the Virginia Band and Directors' Association, I would like to thank all parents for supporting your son or daughter in their quest to become a member of the 2024-2025 All District Band.

Good Luck to all!!