

NSBA

BETTER BANDS FOR NEBRASKA

8th Grade All-State

2027 Concert Band Audition Information

Dates and Submission

All auditions must be recorded by the school and submitted digitally. Audition materials are to be **submitted by midnight, Saturday, October 10th, 2026 to Zac Konrad**. Entries will be submitted through a Google Form. More info on this as the audition deadline approaches. ***The event will take place on Saturday, January 9th, 2027, with a weather makeup day the following Saturday, January 16th, 2027.*** Both dates will take place in Kearney, NE at Kearney High School. Please be sure students are available for **both** dates before auditioning.

Audition Requirements

Auditions will include selected etudes, a chromatic scale, and/or a selected rudiment/scales/tuning for percussion. Students may choose to audition on one or more instruments. Any student trying out on multiple instruments needs to clearly indicate order of preference if selected to multiple ensembles/instruments on their forms. A separate form should be submitted for each instrument on which a student auditions. Audition materials should be submitted in this order: Chromatic scale, Etude 1, & Etude 2 (as listed on the etudes list). Please read and follow the audition recording instructions exactly to eliminate any chance of confusion in the judging process. A copy of the *Audition Script and Submission Procedures* can be found on page 3 of this document and is posted on the website at <https://nsbma.org/8th-grade-all-state-home> for your reference.

Percussionists are required to audition in all 3 areas (mallets, snare, & timpani). Please read the Percussion Audition Information sheet for details.

Audition Fees

An audition fee of \$10 per student will be required to process the audition recordings. ***Fees for students auditioning on multiple instruments should be calculated per entry, not per student. However, percussion auditions are considered 1 entry, so it's \$10 for all three percussion auditions.*** Please submit one check per school for all auditions and wait to send payment until you receive an invoice.

Fees for ACCEPTED students are due by Friday, November 6th, 2026.

Judging Process

After the recordings have been judged, the 8th Grade All-State Band rosters (the selected participants and alternate list) will first be available via email to all the directors who submitted auditions. The score sheets will be emailed out shortly following auditions. Each student selected will be required to pay an additional \$40 registration fee to cover some of the costs of the event, including an All-State shirt and their lunch for the day. Again, one check for all accepted students per school would be appreciated.

Alternates

Alternates will receive music but will only be required to pay and attend if selected students decline to attend or fail to meet all other requirements. Alternates should be notified of their activation no later than December 1st. Last-minute illness may not necessarily be a reason for alternates to be used. Payment for activated alternates will be due before participation in the event on January, 9th, 2027.

NSBA Membership

As the event is sponsored by NSBA, **directors must be NSBA members for their students to be eligible to audition for the ensemble. DIRECTORS MUST HAVE MEMBERSHIP UPDATED & CURRENT BEFORE THEIR STUDENTS AUDITION!** All directors are asked to confirm on the audition form that they are current members. Auditions **will not be processed** until each director's membership is confirmed.

Instrumentation

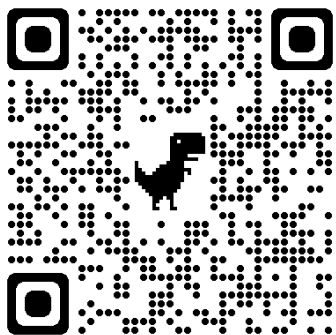
Please see table to the right for our concert band instrumentation.

Contact

If you have any questions, especially concerning changes this year, please reach out to Zac Konrad using the info below.

Email: middlelevel@nsbma.org

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	Selected	Alternate
<u>Woodwind</u>		
Flute	9	2
Oboe	2	1
Bassoon	2	1
Clarinet	17	3
Bass Clarinet	4	1
Alto Sax	6	1
Tenor Sax	3	1
Bari Sax	3	1
<u>Brass</u>		
Trumpet	12	3
Horn	8	2
Trombone	9	2
Baritone	5	1
Tuba	5	1
<u>Percussion</u>		
Mallet	> or =2	1
Timpani	2	1
Battery	< or =4	1
Total	93	23

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Concert Audition Script and Submission Procedures

Please follow these instructions precisely! Remember, each audition should be an accurate representation of the student's abilities, so no editing is permitted.

In a separate email, you should be receiving your school's exclusive *audition code number*. This would have been sent to the email address associated with your membership that would have been updated prior to submitting auditions. This audition code number will be the identifying code for the organizers to distribute and judge your students fairly and without knowledge of what town or school from which they come. All auditions will be submitted using a Google Form that will be sent out when auditions open on September 1st, 2026.

On each recording, before **every** student plays, please **clearly** read the following script so the judges may accurately adjudicate the elements of each audition. **Students should be reading the script, not directors.**

1. "This is school school code #, instr. F. L. (first & last initial)"
2. "Chromatic scale/rudiments" student plays exercise
3. "Etude #1" student plays etude #1
4. "Etude #2" student plays etude #2 (if required)

Please listen to all recordings before you submit them. The organizer does not take responsibility for blank, dead silence. Next, upload your recordings to the Google Form that will be shared with you.

Ensure all audition files are labeled as follows:

school code#—instrument—student's first & last initial

EX: 123-Alto Sax-ZK

- *Your school's personalized code number will be sent to the email you provide upon updating your membership prior to submitting auditions.*

Google forms are to be **submitted by midnight on Saturday, October 10th, 2026**. Schools will be billed by our treasurer using the director's email. Please be sure to pay your audition fees upon receiving your invoice. Auditions are \$10/audition.