2025-26 Honor Band Audition Information

Dear Parents,

Your child has expressed interest and/or is highly recommended based on class performance to audition for the **2025–26 District XI Honor Band**, **South Georgia Region Honor Band**, and possibly the **All-State Band**. I'm proud of their enthusiasm for this excellent opportunity! I encourage your student to audition for both the **District** and **Region** levels. If considering the **State** level, private lessons are very strongly recommended, as it is VERY competitive. Below is information about the audition and event dates for each level. The first level is the District Audition.

District Audition

- December 6, 2025 at Feagin Mill Middle School (Times TBA)
- Parents must provide transportation to and from the audition.

Advancement Process

Students audition for all groups at the same time. If your student scores high enough on their district audition they will be invited to:

- Submit an additional video audition for **Region Band** (if registered)
- Move onto the 2nd round audition for **All-State Band** (if registered)

Region Audition

- Virtual audition due January 15th, 2026.

All-State Audition

- Union Grove Middle School in McDonough, GA on January 10th (Times TBA)
- Parents must provide transportation to and from the audition.

Should your child be selected for any of the ensembles based on their audition, here are the actual event details below.

District Honor Band - The event is February 6-7, 2026 at Baldwin High School in Milledgeville, GA. A bus will be provided to and from the event. Parents must pick up after the concert on the 7th. The cost to audition is $10. Should your child make it, they will need money for meals during the event.

Region Honor Band - The event is April 9-11, 2026 at Valdosta State University. We will take a bus to this event and stay overnight in Valdosta. The cost to audition is $10. Should your student make it, they will need money for meals. I may request $50-120 to help cover lodging and transportation depending on how well we do on fundraisers this year. I will try to cover as much of the cost as possible.

All-State Band - The event is March 5-7, 2026 at the Classic Center in Athens, GA. The cost to audition is $25. Parents will need to provide all transportation to the event and money for meals. Mrs. Godbee will cover your cost of lodging.

Important Information:

Audition requirements will be provided by Mrs. Godbee. Tutoring is mandatory for students who do not take private lessons, though private lessons are ***highly*** recommended for all students, especially those auditioning for All-State Band. A list of local instructors can be found on the band website. More detailed event information will be shared once your child is selected for ensembles.

Parent Permission and Sign-Up

By signing below, you agree to pay the required audition fee, transport your child to auditions and from concerts, and provide transportation to the All-State Band event if your child is selected.

Please check the bands you want your child to audition for:

- ☐ District Honor Band ($10)
- ☐ Region Honor Band (Must audition for District) ($10 + cost of district)
- ☐ All-State Band (Must audition for District & Region) ($25 + cost of district + cost of region)

Parent Signature: _____

Student Name: _____

Audition Fee Enclosed: $_____ (Make checks payable to Perry Middle School)

Rehearsal Schedule

Students can practice EVERY morning from 7AM-7:20AM in the band room. Students will also be given a subscription to Sight Reading Factory. All practices are until 4PM.

September 3 (Percussion Only with Mr. Johnson)
September 15
September 22
October 20
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October 27
October 29 (All honor band students. Mr. Johnson will be here for percussionists as well)
November 3
November 5 (All honor band students. Mr. Johnson will be here for percussionists as well)
November 10
November 12 (All honor band students. Mr. Johnson will be here for percussionists as well)
November 17
December 1
December 2
District Auditions - December 6th @ Feagin Mill MS

If your student makes the cut for Region or State, we will have practice on the following dates:
January 6 (All-State Practice & Region Recording Session)
January 8 (All-State Practice & Region Recording Session)
January 15 (Final Region Recording Session)
Region Band Video Submissions - Due 1/15/2026