

Wind Ensemble Auditions

Dear current Lakeview Concert Band students and incoming Lakeview band students,

As the time for next year's course registration quickly approaches, I wanted to present you the opportunity to audition for the Honors Wind Ensemble at Lakeview High School. The wind ensemble is our <u>audition-only</u> band class that performs challenging musical repertoire at advanced high school and collegiate levels. While students are encouraged to audition, auditions for this ensemble are <u>highly selective</u> due to a large amount of interest.

All middle and high school band students are welcome and encouraged to register for the Concert Band, which requires no audition. Those that are interested may audition for the Honors Wind Ensemble; in the event that your audition does not result in an acceptance into the wind ensemble, you are still encouraged to join/remain in Concert Band and re-audition for the wind ensemble next school year!

Please see the audition requirements and the guidelines for submitting your video audition on the next page. Submissions are due by Friday, March 14th, at 11:59 PM.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing your audition videos!

Mr. Laham

Lakeview Band Director

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<u>HOW TO SUBMIT:</u> Prepare all videos in a Google Drive folder titled "[First + Last Name] Wind Ensemble Audition" and **share the folder** with <u>jlaham@rsd20.org</u>

Each video should be recorded with a <u>metronome</u> playing audibly in the background at a <u>tempo of your choice</u> (your most successful playing tempo). Your recordings MUST have a metronome audible for the whole time.

<u>ALL:</u> Record your Bb and F chromatic scale. If multiple octaves are written, you may choose one. Follow the rhythmic pattern in the file. <u>Percussionists</u> will perform the scale on a mallet instrument or piano keyboard. View the file <u>here</u>.

<u>Woodwinds & Brass:</u> Play any one section of the etude at a tempo of your choosing, stopping at the double bar line of that section. Pick the section that best demonstrates your musicianship. View the files <u>here</u>.

<u>Percussion:</u> Play Section 1 of the Marimba Etude on any mallet instrument or piano keyboard, AND play Section 2 of the Snare Etude on a practice pad or snare drum. You may play each at a tempo of your choice. View the files <u>here</u>.

Once again, please ensure that a metronome is audible the entire time you are playing. You may select different tempos for different parts of your audition. Please reach out to Mr. Laham at jlaham@rsd20.org with any questions. Incoming Lakeview band students may also reach out to their current band director for questions or assistance with preparing their auditions.

Thank you in advance for your hard work!