# High School Music: Band

# Online Audition Requirements

The Music Department is looking for passionate and dedicated students who wish to continue their musical training at a high level. The SDSCPA Music Department is composed of two major areas of study: Instrumental and Vocal Arts. Instrumental emphasizes the following disciplines: orchestra, band, and jazz.

**To apply to SDSCPA Music with an emphasis in Band:**

Please complete an audition video demonstrating your current instrumental ability for a band instrument. Your audition video should be recent (within one month of submission) and your video should not exceed 10 minutes in length. Submit the link to your audition video in your audition application.

- Your video should be uploaded into a Google or DropBox folder
- Submit the link to the video file in your audition application.
- The video file must have sharing permissions changed so that anyone with the link can view.

**Instruments accepted into the Band program**

- Flute
- Oboe
- Clarinet
- Bass Clarinet
- Bassoon
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Baritone Euphonium
- Tuba
- Percussion

**Preparing your Audition Video:**

We need to be able to see and hear you play clearly in your video. Make sure that your camera is positioned and the lighting allows us to see your upper body, hands, your instrument, and your sheet music. Ensure that your audio is clear and that there is minimal background noise and be free of distractions so we can clearly hear you play.

**Please include the following components in your video:**

1. Introduction. Please introduce yourself by answering the following questions:
    - First and last name, your age, and the grade that you are entering in the fall.
    - Tell us about the following:
        - What instrument(s) you play or are interested in learning.
        - What you enjoy about singing.
        - Your musical interests, experiences and/or goals.
        - Anything else you want us to know about you.
    - Provide the title of your musical selection and the name of the original artist/composer.

2. Perform one selection of your choice.
    - Prepare and perform one selection of your choice (ie. solo or ensemble literature, method book etudes, or other standard solo repertoire. The selection should demonstrate your **highest** level of playing.
        - You may select one of the following: Band Excerpts
        - **Jazz piano and guitar applicants:** You may submit a selection of your choice or use the provided Band Excerpts. If you use the Band Excerpts, you must prepare your audition using the percussion excerpts.
    - In your video, show the sheet music for the piece you've selected

3. **OPTIONAL:** If you would like to also audition for jazz, please create a second audition video in addition to your band audition video. See jazz requirements here. You will upload both videos in your application.

**Areas of assessment will include:**

- Tone Quality
- Rhythm
- Notes and Pitch
- Dynamics
- Expression and Style
- Posture, Deportment, and Stage Presence

SDSCPA High School Music Audition Rubric