

BALLARD BANDS

AUDITION INFORMATION

Symphonic Band - There is no audition necessary to enroll in the Symphonic Band. All Freshmen are automatically placed into this class.

Wind Ensemble – Open to Freshmen by audition only. If you plan to audition, email Mr. James at mijames@seattleschools.org to request a 15-minute time slot on June 12th between 3:30-5:00pm or June 13th between 3:30-6:30pm. Auditions consist of four parts:

- 1) Play 5 or 6 Major Scales. Have all 12 prepared. Mr. James will randomly select the ones for you to play.
- 2) Play at least a two-octave chromatic scale (up and down) at a steady and quick pace.
- 3) Perform the provided excerpt for your instrument. Pay close attention to articulation, tempo and dynamic markings.
- 4) Sight-read a short excerpt.

Jazz Bands – Jazz Band Auditions for incoming students will take place on June 14th and June 15th between 3:30-5:30pm. Email Mr. James at mijames@seattleschools.org to request a specific time. Auditions will consist of four parts:

- 1) Play at least a two-octave chromatic scale (up and down) at a steady and quick pace.
- 2) Perform 1-minute of anything you would like to play that demonstrates your jazz style and technique
- 3) A prepared excerpt, where you play the head of a tune and then improvise over the changes. Choose one of the tunes from the packet.
- 4) Sight-reading

Percussion – A Percussion/Drumline audition packet will be sent out individually and auditions will take place on June 20th from 3:30-5:00pm. Email Mr. James at mijames@seattleschools.org to sign up for a 10-minute time slot.