

# Cumberland County All-County Band Auditions

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The purpose is to select through audition student players for the Cumberland County High School All-County Concert Bands (9/10) & (11/12) and the Middle School Symphonic and Middle School Concert Band.

Middle School and High School-auditions will be held on a date designated by the membership. High school auditions are usually on the third Thursday of November. Middle school auditions are usually on the Monday before Thanksgiving.

Band Director(s) at the selected audition site will serve as the Auditions Site Host(s) and will be responsible for planning and overseeing all facility aspects of the auditions in consultation with the appointed Auditions Chair.

**Student Audition Requirement** - Scale requirements for Concert Bands will be the same as those required for the N.C. All-State Band. There are no solos except for percussion. Sight Reading is required for all students auditioning for any group.

NC Bandmaster Link: <https://www.ncbandmasters.org/audition-requirements>

**Audition Registration** – Band directors will follow the registration direction of the Audition Chair to inform the site host of student numbers auditioning. Band directors are to inform the Audition Chair and site host of any students needing special consideration for conflicts with other activities such as athletics. Directors' failing to follow registration procedures may forfeit their student's opportunity to audition.

**Audition Results** - It is the responsibility of each director to inform his/her students of audition results after the release of the official roster. The official final roster of the bands will be prepared by the Auditions Chair and will be available if possible to the CCBDA membership the day of auditions. A copy will be sent to the Arts Education Supervisor to be distributed electronically.

**Student Conduct** - Any violation of the Cumberland County Schools Code of Conduct and/or violation of rules of the event - announced or written - will cause the student to forfeit the right to participate in any event (audition, clinic or performance).

### **All-County Middle School Band Instrumentation:**

Generally the instrumentation follows that of the All-District Band. Sections may be expanded with discretion and agreement of Chair, the auditions chair and the clinic chair.

#### **Middle School Symphonic Band**

|    |                      |    |              |
|----|----------------------|----|--------------|
| 8  | Flutes               | 10 | Trumpets     |
| 2  | Oboes                | 4  | French Horns |
| 1  | Bassoon              | 8  | Trombones    |
| 12 | Clarinets            | 4  | Baritones    |
| 3  | Bass Clarinets       | 3  | Tubas        |
| 1  | Contra-Bass Clarinet | 4  | Percussions  |
| 4  | Alto Sax             | 1  | Timpani      |
| 2  | Tenor Sax            | 2  | Mallets      |
| 1  | Bari Sax             |    |              |

#### **Middle School Concert Band**

|    |                       |    |              |
|----|-----------------------|----|--------------|
| 12 | Flutes                | 12 | Trumpets     |
| 2  | Oboes                 | 6  | French Horns |
| 2  | Bassoons              | 9  | Trombones    |
| 20 | Clarinets             | 5  | Baritones    |
| 6  | Bass Clarinets        | 5  | Tubas        |
| 1  | Contra-Bass Clarinets | 4  | Percussion   |
| 4  | Alto Sax              | 1  | Timpani      |
| 2  | Tenor Sax             | 2  | Mallets      |
| 2  | Bari Sax              |    |              |

### **All-County High School Band Instrumentation:**

### 9/10 Instrumentation

|    |                     |    |           |
|----|---------------------|----|-----------|
| 10 | Flutes              | 12 | Trumpets  |
| 2  | Oboes               | 8  | F Horns   |
| 20 | Clarinets           | 9  | Trombones |
| 4  | Bass Clarinets      | 4  | Baritones |
| 2  | Bassoons            | 6  | Tubas     |
| 4  | Alto Saxophones     | 4  | Snares    |
| 2  | Tenor Saxophones    | 2  | Mallets   |
| 1  | Baritone Saxophones | 1  | Timpani   |

### 11/12 Instrumentation

|    |                     |   |           |
|----|---------------------|---|-----------|
| 8  | Flutes              | 9 | Trumpets  |
| 2  | Oboes               | 8 | F Horns   |
| 16 | Clarinets           | 6 | Trombones |
| 2  | Bass Clarinets      | 3 | Baritones |
| 2  | Bassoons            | 4 | Tubas     |
| 4  | Alto Saxophones     | 4 | Snares    |
| 2  | Tenor Saxophones    | 2 | Mallets   |
| 1  | Baritone Saxophones | 1 | Timpani   |

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- Dates for all Cumberland County All-County Band Clinics are determined on an annual basis at the January business meeting one year prior to the clinic.
- Registration and Check-In Procedures: Each director is responsible for the accurate registration of his/her students. Students may not register themselves. Each director will be responsible for distributing lunch tickets or other necessary information. Any monies due must be turned in to the person(s) in charge of registration on the day of the clinic. – SCHOOL CHECKS ONLY!

### **Clinic Information:**

- All school rules apply.
- Students are not to leave the clinic site until the end of the last rehearsal.
- High school students who have permission from their administration to drive to the clinic are not allowed to drive to lunch, breaks, or at other times throughout the day.
- Students are required to be in attendance for the entire clinic. Anyone absent from a rehearsal will not be allowed to perform unless approved by the Arts Education Supervisor two weeks in advance of the clinic.
- All students are to remain together in the designated area during lunch. Students who choose not to eat are to remain with the group in the designated area.
- All directors are to remain with the bands throughout the day during the entire clinic to assist as assigned or needed.
- The Clinic Chair and the Arts Education Supervisor will provide the clinic schedule for clinicians, students, and directors.
- All purchased music is property of Cumberland County Schools. Schools will be billed a replacement fee for any lost/damaged music. The clinic chair is responsible for collecting and sorting music used during the clinic. The music should then be sent to the band director at South View Middle School for storage in the countywide band music library.
- Program and Publicity - Printing of the program and publicity for the event is the responsibility of the Arts Education Supervisor.

## **All-County Clinic dress will be as follows:**

### **Middle school concert dress:**

Middle School Men: Black trousers, white dress shirts, dark shoes.

Middle School Ladies: Black skirts or pants, white blouses, dark shoes. Skirts should be below the knee. Garments made of jean-type fabric and sneakers are considered unacceptable for concert wear.

### **High school concert dress:**

Band students from high schools with marching bands will wear their marching band uniform. Band students from non-marching band high schools will wear their school's designated concert attire.