

Timber Creek High School

Concert Band Auditions

We are so excited to have you audition for the Timber Creek High School Band! All current band students are welcome into the program! These auditions are merely designed to make sure you are placed in the appropriate ensemble according to your ability level.

Who: All students who will be in the Timber Creek band program for the 20-21 school year.

When: All wind auditions will be held on Saturday, March 21. Middle School auditions will begin promptly at 9:00am. High School Auditions will begin at 1:00pm. You will receive a sign-up link on February 21st to select your time.

Percussion and guard auditions will be held separately

Where: Auditions will be held at Timber Creek High School.

What: Audition Requirements/Points

1. 10 points- Scales
 - You be asked to play 2 major scales
 - MS scales will be chosen from the following: D, G, C, F, Bb, Eb, Ab, Db and Gb
 - HS scales will be chosen from the 12 major scales
2. 20 points- Chromatic Scale
 - You will be asked to play a chromatic scale to show your full range
3. 30 points- Sight-reading
 - You will be asked to play a short sight-reading example. You will have :45 seconds to study before you play.
4. 40 points- Prepared solo/etude
 - This can be a piece you are working on for Solo/Ensemble or a selection from your TMEA Region Music. PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR MUSIC FOR THE JUDGE.

Total- 100 points

Based on these audition results, students will be placed into one of our four concert ensembles:

Wind Symphony- The Wind Symphony is considered the top performing ensemble for the band program and is open to students in grades nine through twelve, although most students are grades 11 and 12.

Wind Ensemble- The Wind Ensemble is the second performing ensemble for the band program and is open to students in grades nine through twelve, although most students are grades 10, 11, and 12.

Symphonic Band- The Symphonic band is the third performing ensemble for the band program is open to students in grades nine through twelve.

Concert Band- The Concert Band is the fourth performing ensemble for the band program is open to students in grades nine through twelve. This class can also be taken by upperclassmen who want to learn a secondary instrument.

NO STUDENT IS GUARANTEED A SPOT BASED ON A PREVIOUS POSITION

ALL AUDITIONS WILL BE BLIND

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Jazz Band Auditions

About the TC Jazz Program from our Keller ISD Handbook:

*"Jazz Band is designed to offer students exposure to a variety of jazz styles through the rehearsal and performance of classical literature as well as the most current writing for jazz ensemble. This course will train students in areas including, but not limited to; aural skills, chord analysis, improvisation, jazz history, and small combo playing. Students with a background in music and band classes are encouraged to audition and join. **This class can only be taken in conjunction with a current band course.** Our rhythm section (piano, bass, guitar, and drums) are the only exception to this rule."*

Who: Any band student!

When: Saturday, March 21. Jazz Band auditions will be held after your student's concert band audition.

Where: Timber Creek High School

What: Audition Requirements

*Winds, Guitar, Bass, and Piano

Etudes – Only play the indicated brackets (see attachments)

- Try to go as close to the tempo as possible and swing
- Play clean!
- Piano - You will need to comp chords while playing the etude

**Winds= Saxophone, Trumpet and Trombone*

Improvisation: Students are required to improve to a standard Bb blues
Don't worry if you're not as comfortable improving. Do your best!

Drums:

- You are required to play #1-4 drum styles at the written tempos

Good luck!