



**1st Semester
Symphonic Band
Test and Sectionals**

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Below is the test schedule for the Symphonic Band. We have marked these in the student planners, they are posted on the calendar on the Band's website and the Staff will remind students of upcoming tests.

- Week of August 31st – Concert G
- Week of September 8th – Concert C
- Week of September 14th – Concert F & Bb
- Week of September 21st – Concert Eb & Ab
- Week of September 28th – Concert Db and Chromatic Scale
- Week of October 5th – Slow Etude Cut #1 (SC1)
- Week of October 13th – Slow Etude Cut #2 (SC2)
- Week of October 19th – Fast Etude Cut #1 (FC1)
- Week of October 26th – Fast Etude Cut #2 (FC2)
- Week of November 2nd – entire Slow Etude
- Week of November 9th – entire Fast Etude
- Week of November 16th – Any 4 scales (Director's Choice)

These guidelines will be followed on all tests.

- All tests will be performed on SmartMusic and submitted to the online grade book. This has been preset for every student.
- Scales may not be submitted at a tempo lower than 120 (except for the Trombones)
- Scores of 95% or higher will receive a grade of 100% and scores less than 95% will receive only 50% of the posted grade
- Students may use the SmartMusic program on the school computers or they may purchase the SmartMusic program and take the tests at home
- Students may retest as many times as they choose but if the student is using a school computer, they may have to wait their turn. Students will not be able to improve that grade after the end of the nine weeks.
- Students will receive the earned grade when it comes time to export grades but may make up the grade later (the report card grade will not be changed). This could cause students to be academically ineligible.

All members of the Symphonic Band will have one sectional each week.

- Sectionals are required and will be graded
- Brass players will meet on either Monday or Wednesday (only once per week)
- Woodwind players will meet on either Tuesday or Thursday (only once per week)
- Percussionist will meet on Friday
- Sectionals run from 8:00-8:30am (students must have a tutorial stamp for that day)
- Students can make up any missed time the next sectional day
- Students should let the Band Staff know of any conflicts

Please contact one of the Band Directors if you have a question or need help.

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