



INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE PLACEMENT AUDITIONS – WINDS & PERCUSSION FALL 2024

Auditions for Wind Symphony, Symphony Orchestra, and Symphonic Band will be held on August 19-20, 2024, according to the schedule posted online at <http://bands.wvu.edu/join>. Separate auditions will be held for Jazz Bands. The following procedures will be used for auditions:

- All students must audition at the scheduled time. Extreme circumstances may warrant the granting of an alternate audition time, but this is very rare.
- Auditions will consist of the required audition excerpts available for download at <http://bands.wvu.edu/join>. In addition to the required excerpts, a brief sight-reading exercise may be used in the audition.
- Metronome markings are provided for some excerpts. If a student is not able to perform the excerpt at the indicated tempo, it is preferred that the excerpt be played accurately at a slower tempo as opposed to inaccurately at the indicated tempo.
- Auditioning students should plan to arrive at the audition location approximately 5 minutes before the specified time. All auditioning students will draw numbers to determine the order in which they will audition. Students drawing low numbers should remain close to the audition location. Students drawing high numbers may return to the practice rooms to continue warming up prior to their audition; however, it is the responsibility of the student to be back at the audition location in time for their audition. Each audition takes approximately 5 minutes.
- Students should bring their own copy of the required audition materials into the audition room.
- All auditions are blind. The faculty evaluators will be behind a curtain, and the identities of the auditioning students will not be known until after all auditions are complete. Students should not speak during the audition or make any sound that would alert the faculty to their identity. A proctor will be present to assist should a question arise.
- The panel of faculty members evaluating the auditions will consist of the ensemble conductors (bands and orchestra) and the studio teacher for each respective instrument (depending on schedule availability). All final ensemble placements will be determined by this panel of faculty.
- Ensemble placement results will be posted on Tuesday evening, August 20, following the completion of all auditions. These results will be posted on the bulletin boards outside the WVU Bands office (CCAC 2101) and on the Orchestra board just inside CCAC 2070.
- Once the ensemble placement results have been posted, each student should be sure to register for the appropriate class. Schedules for the first rehearsal of each ensemble will be posted in appropriate locations in the Canady Creative Arts Center.