

SCIBA Middle School Honor Band FAQ

How are students selected?

- Three bands of approximately 100 members each are selected.
- 7th grade students are selected by director nomination.
- 8th grade students are selected by audition.
- Every school is guaranteed of having at least one student representing their school in the festival.

Audition materials are provided in the spring

- E-mailed to middle school directors
- Handed out at the IBA Conference SCIBA luncheon
- Posted on the SCIBA website

Bands are comprised as follows:

- The Blue Band is comprised of the highest auditioning 8th grade students.
- The White Band is approximately 50% comprised of the next 8th grade and highest ranked 7th grade students.
- The Red Band is comprised of the next ranked 7th grade students.

How do I register and nominate students?

- Nomination forms are posted on the SCIBA website (<https://www.scibabands.org>).
- Please fill out the form accurately and completely.
- If you have trouble with the form, contact the MS Affairs Chair.

How much, when and who do I pay?

- There is an \$11.00 per student fee only for students accepted into the honor bands.
- This fee is due after the selection committee meets and you receive your folders.
- An additional \$4.00 per school fee is charged for any school electing to have their folders mailed to them.
- Payment should be sent to treasurer Cheryl Pittman at Ballard, **NOT** the MS Affairs chair, audition host or festival host.

Where and when are 8th grade auditions?

- Auditions will be held at Waukee Timberline School, 2605 LA Grant Parkway
<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=zhGIT5i8DJRM.kIR6IHDI6GDI>
 - From I-80/35, take the University Avenue exit to the west.
 - Turn left on L.A. Grant Pkwy. (Waukee HS and Kum & Go) for a mile.
 - Timberline is south of Waukee South MS and is on the right hand side of the road heading south.

- Auditions are held the 1st Tuesday in October.
- Auditions will start by 4:45. *May begin earlier if judges are available and there is a request due to mitigating circumstances.*
- Ending and recalls should be approximately between 8 and 9 pm and are based on:
 - Number of entries for each instrument.
 - Number of volunteer judges.
 - Recalls are ONLY for instruments auditioned in multiple centers.
 - Flutes, clarinets, trumpets and percussion always use a recall system.
 - Other instruments will have recalls if there are multiple centers of the instrument.

What will be provided at the auditions?

- Each center will have a music stand and cards with scales.
- A chair will be available in the wind centers as well.
- Percussion equipment:
 - Snare, Timpani, and bells/xylophone/marimba
 - With 2 percussion centers, it is not possible for our host to provide 2 quality marimbas, xylophones and bell sets.
 - Students who are particular should plan to bring their own mallet instrument.
- Students should bring their own sticks, mallets and pitch pipe.
- Percussionists need to bring a practice pad for warm-up purposes.
- No other percussion instrument other than a practice pad will be allowed in the warm-up area.

When and where are the rehearsals and concert?

- The rehearsals and concert will be the 1st Tuesday of November.
- Rehearsals begin at 1 pm.
- The Concert begins at 6:30 pm.
- The 2015 site for the event is Ankeny Centennial High School.
 - 2220 NW State Street, Ankeny.

Student selection for the All Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band (AI8GHB)

- The SCIBA students are selected at the 8th Grade Honor Band auditions.
- The 22 students selected for the AI8GHB will come from the SCIBA Blue Band, which is the all 8th grade ensemble within SCIBA.
- If, at the district level, a qualified candidate on any instrument is not available, the slot for that instrument will not be filled and hence a candidate will not be submitted on that instrument to the IBA MS Affairs Chair*.
- Those 8th grade students who are selected for the All Iowa 8th Grade Honor Band will be officially announced at the SCIBA JH/MS Honor Band Concert by the MS Affairs/MS Honor Band Chair.

- Each of the 6 districts in the state are allotted 22 places within the honor band and the chair placements are rotated on a specified schedule each year.
- Each district will send the following instruments and number of players to the event*(see above exemption): 2 flutes, 4 clarinets, 1 alto sax, 1 oboe, 1 bassoon, 1 bass clarinet, 1 tenor sax, 1 bari sax, 3 trumpets, 2 horns, 2 trombones, 1 baritone, 1 tuba and 1 percussionist.

SCIBA website:

<https://www.scibabands.org>

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