

FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT
Newton Public Schools

October 2023

TO: Parents of Instrumental Music Students Grades 5 – 8
FROM: Mr. Shon Brown & Mr. Ken Mignone (co-directors)
RE: Newton All-City Band Auditions

Each Year the Fine Arts Department sponsors All-City Instrumental Music Organizations for students in grades 5 – 8. **The Newton All-City Band** provides a challenge for motivated young musicians to prepare and perform advanced band repertoire. The band is led by Mr. Shon Brown and Mr. Ken Mignone. **Students must be current members in good standing of their own school instrumental group in order to audition and participate.**

REHEARSALS:

Day/Time: Wednesdays 3:30-4:45 pm
Location: F. A. Day Middle School, room 222
First Rehearsal: Wednesday November 8, 2023

AUDITION INFORMATION:

Location: F. A. Day Middle School, 21 Minot Pl, Newtonville, MA 02460
Room 222 (band room)

<u>Dates/Times:</u>	Tuesday	October 31	3:15 - 4:15
	Wednesday	November 1	3:15 - 4:15
	Thursday	November 2	3:15 - 4:15

Audition Appointments: Audition appointments will be made **ONLINE** at the **Newton Public Schools website**. Under **Families** select **Music and Fine Arts**; click on **All-City Music Ensembles**, then **Band** at the top menu. All students must audition in order to participate.

Audition Forms: The attached form must be completely filled out and then signed by the student's school band director. *Students should bring the completed and signed form with them to their audition.* Students will be notified of their audition results by email on the weekend of November 4th. First rehearsal is on November 8th.

Audition Requirements:

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| 1. Scales: | Flute & Double Reed | Bb, F, and Eb (flutes only: 2 octaves) |
| | Clarinet | C, F, and (G – 2 octaves) |
| | Saxophone | G, C, and (D – 2 octaves) |
| | Trumpet | C, F, and G |
| | French Horn | F, C, and Bb |
| | Low Brass | Bb, F, and Eb |
- 2. Short Solo** from a method or solo book currently being used (one page maximum)
3. Sight-Reading to be provided at the audition.

Percussionists: Be prepared to play/sight read with the Snare Drum and Xylophone, which will be provided at the audition. **Bring your own sticks/mallets and solo music.**

CONCERT INFORMATION: In addition to performing a school concert tour in mid-March the All-City Band will play a final evening concert in April 2024. Details to be announced.

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NEWTON ALL-CITY BAND AUDITION FORM 2023-2024

**PLEASE BRING THIS COMPLETED AND SIGNED FORM WITH YOU TO YOUR
AUDITION.**

Audition Date: _____/_____/_____ **Audition Time:** _____

NAME _____ **Grade** _____ **Instrument** _____

BAND

DIRECTOR _____ **School** _____

(Signature Required)

Private Lesson Teacher _____

Solo piece _____

Have you auditioned for All-City Band before? _____

Have you been a member of All-City Band before? _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

(Please print legibly)

Email

Address _____

(Please print legibly)

Home Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Parent's Work Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Parent/Guardian's

Signature _____

Student's

Signature _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Scales 1 2 3 4 5

Solo _____
1 2 3 4 5

S.R. 1 2 3 4 5

Rhythmic Accuracy

1 2 3 4 5

COMMENTS:

Technique

1 2 3 4 5

Tone

1 2 3 4 5

Articulation

1 2 3 4 5

Dynamics

1 2 3 4 5

Timing

1 2 3 4 5