

**FINE ARTS DEPARTMENT**  
**Newton Public Schools**

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September 2019

TO: Parents of Instrumental Music Students Grades 5 – 8  
FROM: Ms. Devon Nelson and Ms. Megan Lotz, All-City Band co-directors  
RE: **Newton All-City Band Auditions**

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Each Year the Fine Arts Department sponsors All-City Instrumental Music Organizations for students in grades 5 – 8. **The Newton All-City Band** provides challenge for motivated young musicians to prepare and perform advanced band repertoire. The band is led by Ms. Devon Nelson and a co-director, still to be appointed. **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:** CHARLES E. BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL, rm 138  
**First Rehearsal:** WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2019

**AUDITION INFORMATION:**

**Location:** Brown Middle School, 125 Meadowbrook Rd. Newton Centre, 02459  
Room 138 (music room)

**Dates/Times:**

Wednesday	September 25	3:15 - 5:30
Wednesday	October 2	3:15 – 5:30
Thursday	October 3	3:15 - 5:30

**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 past members must also schedule an audition on a date listed above.

**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** within two weeks after their audition.

**Audition Requirements:**

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| <b>1. Scales:</b> | Flute & Double Reed   | <b>F and E Flat (flutes only: 2 octaves)</b> |
|                   | Clarinet              | <b>F and G – 2 octaves</b>                   |
|                   | Saxophone             | <b>C and D – 2 octaves</b>                   |
|                   | Trumpet & French Horn | <b>C and D – 1 octave</b>                    |
|                   | Low Brass             | <b>F and B Flat – 1 octave</b>               |
- 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 the snare drum provided at the audition. **Bring your own sticks 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 on **Thursday, April 16, 2019**. Details to be announced.

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**NEWTON ALL-CITY BAND AUDITION FORM 2018-2019**

**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 Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print legibly)

**Email  
Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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(Please print legibly)

**Home Phone** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Work Phone** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's  
Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's  
Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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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