



Douglas MacArthur High School Band

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To the Future and Current MacArthur Band Members,

Congratulations for making the awesome decision to be a part of the 2020-2021 MacArthur Band! We are incredibly excited to have you as a member of the band family and can't wait to get started towards the end of the school year. Included below is information about the dates, times, and materials for your audition into the Mac Band program. Students will be placed into different ensembles for the fall semester depending on their musical abilities and needs. The best part about the audition is that every student will have a spot in band no matter what the result of his or her placement is! Additionally, we are going to host a full program re-audition in December to credit those that make advances during the fall semester.

We are obviously in the middle of unprecedented times with the COVID-19 virus and education. Because of the cancelation of in-person education, all auditions will be conducted virtually with video submissions. Please join the google classroom page entitled "2020 MacArthur Band Auditions" with the class code (**4ro65xt**). Instructions to submit videos will be posted under the specific assignments.

Percussionist will have their placements for marching season instruments as soon as we are able to meet again officially over the summer or at the end of the school year. All decisions for marching season instrumentation is determined by Mr. Gonzalez and finalized before summer band. The audition will be broken down into two parts for all wind musicians to include prepared music and scales:

Prepared Music-

Students should prepare the material included for their instrument at the marked tempos. Additional points will be given to students that can perform the material faster, but only if at a consistent tempo beginning to end. Please note all of the articulations and dynamic markings. **Students interested in auditioning into the top band should learn the whole piece, but you otherwise need only learn to the first note of measure 18.**

Scales-

The following major scales need to be performed with a metronome set to 112 beats per minute and audible in your video. Play a quarter note when on the bottom and top notes of the octaves, with eighth notes in between. Woodwinds must play a minimum of 2 octaves, with a 3rd octave when appropriate. Brass should perform two octaves if able. **All scales are YOUR scales, and not the concert pitch (Clarinet asked to perform the G scale would start on G).**

Flutes – G, B, Eb
Oboes – Eb, C, Db
Bassoons – Ab, E, C

Clarinets/Bass Clarinets – B, G, Eb
Saxophones – E, F, Eb
Trumpets – Bb, D, E
Horns – C, Ab, B
All Low Brass – C, A, Eb

All auditions will take place by video submitted to the 2020 MacArthur Band Audition Google Classroom. Videos will be due by Friday, May 1st. Please feel free to submit videos whenever you are ready. Feedback will be given to all videos before final decisions are made. Please contact the band directors if there are any questions about the audition process what so ever. We are so excited to have you are a part of the MacArthur Band family, and look forward to what will be an incredible year!

Sincerely,

Mr. Evan Berry

Mr. Cesar Gonzalez

Ms. Alexia Beasley

Director of Bands

Assistant Band Director

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