

North Zone District Band Rules

Adopted-September 1984

Amended-February 1986, January 1989, August 1992, January 1993, January 2001, January 2015, August 2016

1. Officers are to be elected for two year terms. Chairmen will serve one year as chairman-elect and one year as chairman. Chairman-elect will be elected each year. The secretary will be elected every two years. The position of the executive-chairman will be reviewed annually at the winter meeting. The positions of chairman, chairman-elect, and secretary will be voted on at the winter meeting. (Jan. minutes 2003 – Cyrus has the position until she resigns)
2. The chairman-elect for each division will work with the present chairman for one year and then assume the duties of the office the following year. In the event that a chairman moving or is unable to serve, the chairman-elect will be elected. If the secretary or executive-chairman moves or is unable to serve, a new secretary or executive-chairman will be elected.
3. Regardless of the number of students trying out, the district band for Junior High, A-AA-AAA, AAAA will use the region band instrumentation unless the band is split into two different bands.
4. Each band will take the required number of students assigned for each instrument. If less than the prescribed number tryout, all those trying out will be taken.
5. Each band director MUST be present at A-AA-AAA-AAAA AND Junior High All-District Band tryouts. If a director cannot be present, a suitable qualified replacement may be approved at the discretion of the Executive-Chairman.
6. The executive-chairman will use their discretion in assigning judges for tryouts.
7. Judges will use forms provided for judging their individual sections. All forms are to be turned into the office after tryouts are completed.
8. There will be a 15-30 sign-up period before tryouts start to organize each room. Tryouts will start immediately after the sign-up period.
9. A-AA-AAA-AAAA tryout music will be taken from the prescribed music list of the ATSSB – All-State Audition material. The student is responsible for ALL of the music and scales. Junior High tryouts will be over two etudes.
10. Junior high percussion tryouts: Percussion players will be responsible for a snare drum etude, mallet etude and a timpani etude.
11. Each student is to receive their assigned music parts at the end of the tryout session. Division chairmen are to have the folders prepared and in the contest office before tryouts begin. Individual directors are to pick up the folders and distribute them to their students after the results have been posted. (Folders will need to be ready at the Jr. High School tryouts).
12. Students may be excused from the clinic/concert by the executive-chairman because of a state approved medical excuse or a death in the family and still receive their district patch.
13. A student may be excused from the clinic/concert by the executive-chairman to participate in the Academic Decathlon and still receive their district patch.
14. A student may miss the morning rehearsal to take the SAT or ACT tests and still receive their district patch if they attend the afternoon rehearsal and concert.
15. Any student, whether excused or unexcused, that does not make rehearsals, may not perform in the concert. (The exception to this rule would be the SAT/ACT test students in the morning.)
16. There will be NO tape recorded tryouts allowed, unless student is participating in another school sponsored Region/Area event. You must contact executive-chairman. There are NO junior high recordings.
17. A-AA-AAA-AAAA tryouts will be in the morning. Junior High tryouts will begin in the afternoon due to testing. (Check District Information sheet in packet.)
18. No director or student should be in the office area. All results will be posted immediately after tabulation and printing.
19. The only exception for students not being in attendance for the beginning of tryouts would be a school district having unforeseen travel problems and arriving late. These students will be allowed to tryout for the judges only if the results have not been tabulated and posted and the late audition has been approved by the executive-chairman. Judges should not leave until all

results for their judging area are posted. High School taped auditions will be accepted only if they are school related. Ex. Football playoffs, academic meets, district cross country, etc..

20. Students must tryout on "regular" concert band instruments. No one will be allowed to try out on **"marching" band instruments** (Marching baritones, mellophones, etc)
21. All entry fees and forms should be post marked or received by the executive-chairman by the deadline date. A late fee will be added to students entered after the deadline. No entries or fees will be accepted on the day of tryouts. **ENTRY FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.**
22. A "big name" clinician will be contracted for the junior high district band each year. (Depending on Funds available) A-AA-AAA-AAAA district band will contract a "big name" clinician only during school years with the fall year being an even numbered year. (This depends on commissioned works and when composers can be contracted)
23. At the option of the clinician, directors in the district may conduct section rehearsals on the day of the clinic/concert. The band organizer will contact directors to assist and work with the clinician in scheduling these sectionals.
24. Students will be called up to fill empty positions in the District Band in order of chair placement at auditions.
25. Students auditioning for the District Band may only audition on ONE instrument with the exception of flute and piccolo players who will be allowed to audition on both. (Jan. 2015 - 10 minutes)
26. Auditions for 2015-2016 will be held on the 1st of the month for each district. Auditions must be held on the 1st of the month for each district. Auditions must be held on the 1st of the month for each district.