

August 2019

Dear Parents,

Your child has shown an interest in auditioning for the Georgia Middle School All-State Bands. The two bands consist of 100 of the “best of the best” from all over the state of Georgia. Students have to go through two auditions. The first audition will take place on December 7th at Hopewell Middle School, time TBA. Students will need to play through 4 specific scales (they can download the special scale sheet from the GMEA website: www.gmea.org), a particular lyrical etude (again, downloaded from the GMEA sight) and their chromatic scale, full range (specifics given at www.gmea.org website). They will also sight read. The 2nd audition (if they pass the first audition) will take place on January 11th at Union Grove MS. They must play both etudes (lyrical and technical) and sight read. **It is best if students take private lessons during this time.**

If students make the All-State Band, they will meet in Athens, GA and rehearse the weekend of March 5th-7th. This is the highest honor that a middle school student can achieve. We wish your children good luck as they prepare for these auditions.

Please sign the form below and have your child return it by Tuesday, September 10th. There is a \$25.00 fee that goes to GMEA (Georgia Music Educators Association). Please pay the fee on-line through our school’s website, by the September 10th date.

Sincerely,
Christy Naughton

Steven Rushing

All-State Band Audition

****(due by September 10th)

My child will be auditioning for **All-State Band**. I paid the \$25.00 fee (on-line, OSP).

Parent’s signature

Student’s name