

PERFORMANCE AND COMPETITION OPPORTUNITIES

Regional Individual Opportunities

Refer to your calendar for dates

There are several honor band opportunities available to students through audition. These include All-County Band, Region Band, and All-State Band. The audition process is similar for all three. All 7th & 8th grade band students are required to participate in these auditions. **Failure to audition will result in a grade of zero (0).** More information is available online at <http://www.bandlink.org/events/allstate>

Students are expected to participate in these events if they achieve membership. If a student auditions and becomes a member of the County, Region, or State Band, he/she must fulfill the obligations of membership in that honor band. Failure to do so will eliminate the student's ability to participate in the following year's event, even if he/she changes schools.

All-County Band – 7th & 8th grade Band Students, (Auditions take place in early December) The Charleston All-County Band is a group of students selected from all band students in Charleston County. The band booster club is responsible for entry fees, but students are responsible for their own meal and transportation expenses to the audition and to the event. Details will be distributed closer to the event.

Region Band – **Mandatory** for 7th & 8th grade band Students, auditions are in January at Summerville High, and Clinic and Performance at CSU in February. (see calendar) The Region Band is a group of students from southern South Carolina, selected by auditions held at Summerville High. The Band Booster organization is responsible for entry fees, but students are responsible for their own meal expenses and transportation to the audition and to the event. The event involves an all-day Friday and Saturday morning rehearsal at CSU. The event culminates in a concert on Saturday afternoon. Participation is an honor and a responsibility

All-State Band – (Auditions in January with the concert in March) Audition by invitation depending on standing in Region Auditions. The All-State Band is a group of students from all over South Carolina, selected by audition at Lexington High School. The event requires the student to miss one Friday of classes and stay three nights at the event location. If selected to All-State, students are responsible for their own meals, the boosters will cover the lodging, and travel expenses. The event culminates in a concert on Sunday afternoon at Furman University that is open to the public. Participation is an honor and a responsibility. **This is the highest honor band a student can reach in the State of South Carolina.**

Band Competitions

Concert Festival now known as **Concert Performance Assessment** (Late March) – The Wind Ensemble and possibly Concert Band perform at this event. This is an event where bands are evaluated based on their live performance of prepared music and sight-reading ability. The South Carolina Band Director's Association (<http://www.bandlink.org/>) sponsors Concert Festival and attendance is required for all students who are members of a participating band. SOA is the host site for this Festival.

Out-of-Town Band Competition - In the spring of each year, the bands may participate in an out-of-town competition. Refer to the band calendar.

Year 17-18:

- Educational trip / Festival of Bands – 7th 8th grade Wind Ensemble-
More information to come
- Carowind's Music Festival – 6th grade band

Solo & Ensemble – Solo & Ensemble Festival occurs in April this is mandatory for all students. The Solo & Ensemble event is a regional opportunity where students may play solos and/or ensembles for ratings and to earn medals. Solos published with a written accompaniment MUST be accompanied. The Band Booster organization is responsible for entry fees. Students are responsible for their own transportation, music purchases and accompanist fees. More information will be distributed in the second semester.

Outstanding performance award (OPA)- The SCBDA recognizes bands in the state who have achieved excellence throughout the school year. The OPA is awarded by an accumulation of points for students' participation in Honor bands, solo & ensemble, and CPA, throughout the school year.

Students will receive band medals to wear on their concert attire upon achieving these awards.