



South Belton Band
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All-Region Audition Itinerary
Saturday, November 3

We are excited that it is finally time for this year's prestigious TMEA All-Region Band Auditions! The students have worked *very hard* on their scales and etudes since the start of school, and they finally get to see how they measure up in the competition! This is the most individually-competitive event we do all year, and the students compete with the middle schools from Belton, Bryan, and College Station. Students that make one of the All-Region Bands are considered **state-ranked** within Texas middle schools!! Those who are selected for the honor of All-Region get to rehearse and perform with notable music educators at Belton High School on Saturday, November 10.

Parents, please keep in mind that the times below are only a estimate. In the past, some contests have gone shorter and some have gone longer, so *please be flexible* with us as we give you our best guess as to the actual length of time for this contest.

6:00am - Students arrive at the Band Hall for free breakfast tacos!

6:40am - Load Bus with instrument, all accessories, & music binder

6:45am - Leave for Wellborn School (15510 Royder Road, College Station 77845)

8:30am - Arrive at WMS & Unload

9:00am - Students find their audition room by using signs in the hallway, while directors attend Judges' Meeting

9:30am - Auditions Begin - Good Luck & Be Superior!

2:30pm - Auditions will end around this time. Please be patient after the auditions have finished as the judges have to tabulate their results and it must be configured into the computer before they are final. Results of who made the Region Band are posted publicly in the school. The overall ranking of each student will be made available to the directors.

2:45pm - Bus Leaves for Fuddruckers, and remember to **bring money** for dinner & games

4:30pm - Bus Leaves for Belton

6:30pm - Bus Arrives at SBMS

—PLEASE TURN OVER—

Important Points to Remember:

- Attire is your band polo shirt tucked into jeans. Do not bring hats, as they are not allowed in the school.
- Some judging panels might hear more than one instrument. For example, the same five judges may hear both Horns and Tubas. Another panel might judge both Trombones and Euphoniums, and another panel might combine Oboes, Bassoons, and Bass Clarinets. Alto, Tenor, and Bari Saxes may be all in the same room. Students should check-in with the monitor outside of their audition room to make sure of the starting time for their instrument. This is important so you don't miss your audition!
- Here is the total number of students who make the Region Band: Flutes - 14, Oboes - 4, Bassoons - 4, Clarinets - 22, Alto Saxes - 9, Tenor Saxes - 3, Bari Saxes - 2, Trumpets - 18, Horns - 14, Trombones - 14, Euphoniums - 6, Tubas - 9, and Percussion - 14.
- Another very important point is to listen closely and follow the directions of **both** the hallway monitor outside of the room as well as the inside room monitor. They have very specific and important directions to give you, and you don't want to miss anything! For example, they will be responsible for telling you **the audition order, the cuts you will play from the etudes, and the specific scales you will play.**
- Before Saturday, check to make sure your instrument is in good working order, including oiling valves, greasing slides, and checking for leaks. *Double Reeds, Clarinets, & Saxes: Bring extra reeds and be sure to have them already broken-in before Saturday.*
- Your audition fee is already paid by the SBMS Band, but you need to bring money both for the concessions for lunch/snacks and for dinner & games at Fuddruckers. Alternatively, you may bring a sack lunch if you would like.
- You may eat only in the designated area, and you may only play your instrument in the Warm-Up Area. Don't leave instruments, folders, music, and sticks unattended because they might end up missing. Also, don't play too much before your audition so you aren't tired for the actual performance.
- We have a reputation at South Belton for having the **best behaved** students. Make sure you keep that reputation when we are traveling. Remember, you are representing your school, your family, the city of Belton, and your band program!
- As always, your major grade for this performance will be determined using the following rubric:
 - Be Punctual - arrive by the call time indicated & don't be late for your audition! (25 points)
 - Be Prepared - have all of your music, instrument, & supplies ready to go (25 points), as well as your uniform on properly at all times (25 points)
 - Be Disciplined - both in the practicing of your instrument - and in your behavior at all times, even when not performing (25 points)