

Symphonic Band

SECTIONAL SCHEDULE

The Symphonic Band will start sectionals the week of Monday, September 2nd, 2019. Every effort has been made to schedule each section's rehearsal at a time that avoids as many conflicts as possible with other school-sponsored activities.

The sectional schedule will change slightly every few months as the athletic seasons at school change. This will reflect the changing personnel on the different sports teams as well as the different days of the week that the games happen. Our first round of sectionals will continue through October (football season), and then a new sectional schedule and calendar will be created once the basketball teams are formed.

Please see the attached September and October Sectional Schedule!

Section rehearsals are designed to help address the specific needs of each of the individual instruments and players which will allow daily rehearsals to progress faster. Performance grades are taken during sectionals including music pass-offs and other assigned playing exams. Ensemble music for the Solo & Ensemble Competition and UIL Concert and Sight-reading Contest will be learned during this time as well. Sectionals will continue through April.

It is extremely important for each student to attend his or her assigned sectional. Students with attendance, pass-off and tardy problems may be moved to a non-performing role due to lack of participation with performing members. If a sectional is missed due to illness or major family emergency it may be made up for full credit by contacting Mrs. DeSoto. Unexcused absences (forgetfulness, non-school sponsored activities, doctor's appointments, etc) must still be made up to receive credit. Student attendance is essential for their individual success. Each sectional is tailored for that specific instrument grouping. Please let us know if something comes up in advance; we are very willing to work with you to find a time to meet.

Morning Sectionals begin at 7:30am in the Band Hall. Students will be dropped off at **7:20am** in the back of the school and enter through band hall door #19. Students will need enough time to fully assemble their instrument and begin their instrument warm up routine before sectionals start. (Mrs. DeSoto unlocks the band hall door by 7:00am each morning, so if a student needs to be dropped off even earlier, that will work!)

Afternoon Sectionals will end at 5:30pm; students can be picked up in the back of the school by band hall door #19.

Percussion will continue to meet during class on Thursdays with Mr. Davis.

Music Miles is on Saturday, September 28th

Fall Concert is on Wednesday, October 9th

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Detach the calendar page, and then return this with your practice chart on Tuesday, September 3rd.