



The award-winning Vines Band is inviting you to submit your auditions between **now** and **April 20th** for the 2020 season. The friendships formed through the band and the experiences gained through performances will make a lasting impression on your life. The Vines Band staff greatly anticipates the return of its current sophomores and looks forward to welcoming the freshmen from Wilson and Haggard Middle Schools. We look forward to the 2020-2021 edition of the Viking Band! For more information, check out www.vinesband.info

Audition Material

General Information:

Auditions are open to all students currently enrolled in a high school or middle school band program. Auditions will be submitted via video to ensure each student's best performance and to ensure the integrity and fairness of the process.

Auditions will determine woodwind and brass students' placement in one of the **three Concert Bands** at Vines High School – *Symphonic Band*, *Wind Ensemble*, and *Wind Symphony*. All Band students at Vines are also placed into competitive positions and alternate positions in the award-winning **Viking Marching Band** through this audition. While all Band students are required to participate in Marching Band, there are many ways for students to participate, such as Color Guard, Front Ensemble, Soloist, Sound Engineer, and Loading Crew.

Percussion students will audition according to the guidelines previously communicated by Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Bosley. For more information, please email Michael.Hernandez@pisd.edu.

Prepared Material:

Each student will perform an **étude** for his/her instrument. Tempo markings provided should serve as a general guideline. Preference will be given to students playing the excerpts as musically and error-free as possible.

In addition to the prepared excerpts, each student should be prepared to perform **two** of the 8 Region 24 All-Region **major scales**, to be specified in the Audition Page, and a **full-range chromatic scale** at a minimum of $J=100bpm$. Scales should be "tongued up, and slurred down," in the quarter-eighth pattern standardized in middle school band. Students must be required to perform one octave, and will be given extra credit for every additional octave performed. Preference will be given to students demonstrating resonant and characteristic tone and clear articulation in all ranges.

The chromatic scale should begin on the instrument's lowest note and demonstrate the student's proficiency in as many registers as possible (Play as high and as low as you can with a good sound).

Audition Submission:

All students will be able to submit their videos via **Google Classroom** using the following code:

khd7rlc

Important Dates

- April 20 Audition Videos are due to **Google Classroom: khd7rlc**.
- May 1 **Parent Information Video**
- May 16 *(If school resumes)* **Viking Band Launch Camp, 1 – 5pm:** Students will be issued their marching season instruments, learn some new Viking Band traditions, and participate in masterclasses in preparation for their Fall halftime and contest production. Students will also be fitted for shoes and gloves at this time.
- May 16 *(If school does not resume)* **Parent Q&A Zoom Session, 1-2pm**
- May 26-29 *(If school resumes)* **Cluster Percussion/Color Guard Camp, 8am – 5pm** at PSHS (**required** for all drum line members - \$70 tuition fee)
- July 20-24 **Cluster Percussion/Color Guard Camp, 8am – 5pm** at PSHS (**required** for all drum line members - \$90 tuition fee)
- July 27 – August 10 **Summer Training Camp:** All Texas marching band students begin their preparation for halftime and contest productions beginning the first two weeks of August. Exact times can be found at www.vinesband.info
- July 26 **Parent Welcome Meeting, 4 – 5pm**
- August 12 **1st Day of School**

**Students are not disqualified from a position in the Viking Band if they need to miss part of Training Camp, but they may be required to pass off with the directors before being permitted to perform.*