



Cherokee Trail Band Auditions 2021-2022

Greetings Band Students and Parents,

Thank you for your interest in the band program at Cherokee Trail High School. We have a rigorous program of musical study here at CT that is designed to improve the instrumental skill of our students and be a lot of fun! The Cherokee Trail Band Program consists of 5 bands: Concert Band and Jazz Band I are open to any student interested in participating; Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band II, and Jazz Band III are audition only groups. (Due to limited space available for jazz drummers, all drummers will be required to audition for a spot in Jazz Band I, II, and III)

All auditions will occur digitally with students sending in recordings. I know this can cause some issues with varying access to technology. If you are unable to submit a recording due to technology issues, please let me know. I am committed to ensuring all students have equal access to the process and are placed in the correct ensembles for next year.

Audition Materials: The audition process is designed to help me place students in the ensemble that best matches their current skill and will provide them with the educational support needed throughout the school year. The process is not a judgement on the student as a person nor a statement of their long-term potential as a musician. It is merely a snapshot in time of their current playing. It is important for all students auditioning to do their very best and show their current skill, potential, and preparation. With all scales and excerpts, the tempos given are guidelines. It is more important to play clean, than fast. However, fast and clean would earn the most points.

Audition recordings should be submitted in mp3, wav, or m4a format. All submissions can be uploaded here: [Audition Form](#). Auditions must be submitted by **February 26th, 2021**.

Please contact me with any questions about the audition process or the music program at Cherokee Trail.

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Mallets

Exercise 1
Chromatic Scale

♩ = 60

A single staff of music in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The tempo is marked as ♩ = 60. The piece consists of a chromatic scale starting on B-flat, moving up step-by-step through all twelve notes of the scale, and then returning down step-by-step to B-flat. The notes are: B-flat, C, C-sharp, D, D-sharp, E, F, F-sharp, G, G-sharp, A, A-sharp, B, B-flat.

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Etude Technical

♩ = 120

A three-staff musical score in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major, with a tempo of ♩ = 120. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking of *mf*. The second staff includes dynamic markings of *f*, *pp*, and *f*. The third staff includes dynamic markings of *f*, *mf*, and *f*. The piece features various rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. A note at the end of the third staff has a breath mark above it. The text "Make sure you take the" is written below the final staff.

Snare

♩ = 116

A three-staff musical score in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major, with a tempo of ♩ = 116. The first staff begins with a dynamic marking of *f*. The second and third staves feature triplet rhythms, indicated by the number "3" above groups of notes. The piece consists of rhythmic patterns for a snare drum, primarily using eighth and sixteenth notes.