



Fort Calhoun Pioneer Band

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ALL STATE INFORMATION

The first thing you need to do is to get a correct copy of the audition material!! It is different each year.

You can actually access the music yourself from the Nebraska Music Educators Association website, but I am also willing to help you get it if necessary. [Go to this website: <http://www.nmeanebraska.org/all-state-auditions/etudes-and-scales/> and click on what you need for your instrument.] or...just google Nebraska Music Educators association and follow your way through the website to the audition materials.

Remember: Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors are eligible to try out.

In some past years we have tried having a few ALL-STATE PREP DAYS, during which we had a ONE-HOUR rehearsal section for each different instrument group. That way we get the audition selections introduced to everybody in the same section at the same time, which saves some instructional time and lets you work as a group with your friends as you start trying the material. (Usually getting started is the hard part of the audition process. Once you get going, and once you get the idea of how the music goes and you gain a little confidence, it is usually easier to keep the preparations going.) We can do this any time we can get organized. Of course, you can obviously start practicing on your own. Or...contact me and we will see what we can work out to get you started!

THE AUDITION PROCEDURE WILL BE SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S, ALTHOUGH I'M SURE WITH A FEW NEW TWEAKS.... ONCE AGAIN, THE ENTIRE AUDITION PROCESS THIS YEAR WILL BE DONE BY VIDEO AUDITION. WE MUST MAKE THESE VIDEOS IN OUR OWN REHEARSAL ROOMS, AND THEN UPLOAD THE VIDEOS TO ONE MASTER SERVER FILE. This year the scales will be released and students may begin submitting auditions on September 21. This gives about a 1 ½ week window to "redo" auditions until a student gets one "take" they are happy with. Only trouble with this, is that EVERYONE has that opportunity! The FINAL date for submission is Saturday, October 1. You should plan to be done BEFORE that day. **NOTE: THIS DEADLINE IS A WEEK EARLIER THAN IN THE PAST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Also, as I read it...the Vocal and Instrumental process and deadlines are very different from each other. So...don't get them confused.

WHAT IS NOT DIFFERENT! Ahead of the audition process, you need to master the etudes required for your instrument, and the scales assigned for your horn, to the very best of your ability. There will be an additional short excerpt that will come out sometime in August, but these other pieces are there, waiting for you to work on them anytime!