



Steele High School Band

Audition Instructions

2026-2027

Current and Future Steele Knight Band Students,

This packet contains audition materials for all woodwind and brass students for the 2026–2027 Steele Band. These auditions help assess musical growth and ensure each student is placed in an ensemble where they can be successful. Auditions are required and will determine ensemble placement and marching band roles. All woodwind, brass, and percussion students will perform in the marching band, regardless of final ensemble placement. All students will have an opportunity to re-audition for concert band placement in December.

Auditions must be submitted via video by Wednesday, April 22nd. Percussion auditions will be handled separately; Mr. Hisatake will share additional information soon. Please submit two separate videos following the guidelines below:

Major Scales

- Begin your recording by stating your name and grade level. Ensure that both your instrument and embouchure are clearly visible throughout the video.
- In one video, perform all assigned major scales with an audible metronome. Short pauses between scales are acceptable. Please see the next page regarding scales with multiple octaves.
- Complete all required information in the Google Form and upload your video using the “Add File” button.

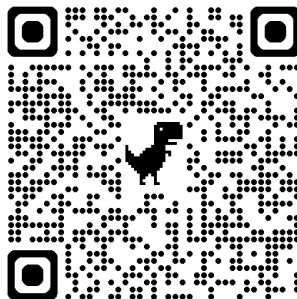
Marching Show Excerpt

- Begin your recording by stating your name and grade level. Ensure that both your instrument and embouchure are clearly visible throughout the video.
- In one video, perform the excerpt at the marked tempo (132 bpm) with an audible metronome.
- Complete all required information in the Google Form and upload your video using the “Add File” button.

Be sure both videos are uploaded before submitting your audition.

We are not focused on perfection—we want every student to succeed. Our goal is to place each student where they can grow and thrive. Every student has a valued role in our program, and we’re excited to get started!

[Google Form Audition Submission Link](#)



Steele High School Band Placements

Brass/Woodwind
Music Audition Expectations
2026-2027

1. Major Scales – 50 Points

- Eb, Ab, F, C Major Scales.
- Students can earn up to 50 points based on tone quality, articulation, note accuracy, and pulse/tempo stability. Perform as many octaves as needed to demonstrate range and technique—additional octaves may earn higher scores.
- Tempo: 80 –100 bpm (choose your most accurate and comfortable tempo).

2. Prepared Excerpt – 50 Points

- Students can earn up to 50 points based on tone quality, articulation, note accuracy, rhythmic accuracy, and dynamics.
- Students should play at the marked tempo of 132 bpm.

Auditions due: Wednesday, April 22nd

Additional Information

Placement in band classes is determined using a variety of factors to ensure each student is set up for success and that every ensemble is balanced and strong. These factors include musical growth and skill (as demonstrated in the audition), attitude, discipline, academic eligibility, and overall instrumentation needs. Attendance and reliability at rehearsals and performances are also important considerations in final placement.

All students are members of the marching band, regardless of concert band placement. Throughout the fall semester (July–November), the full program rehearses and performs together on the same schedule. Consistent attendance and active participation are essential to both individual success and the strength of the ensemble.

Please email the Steele Band Directors with any additional questions:

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Clarinet
Bass Clarinet

Twelve Major Scales

Concert B \flat (C) Scale

Musical notation for the Concert B \flat (C) Scale. The scale is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C. The first half of the scale is marked with 'L' and 'R' above the notes. The second half is marked with 'R' and 'L' above the notes.

Concert E \flat (F) Scale

Musical notation for the Concert E \flat (F) Scale. The scale is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are F, G, A, B \flat , C, D, E \flat , F. The first half is marked with 'R' above the notes. The second half is marked with 'R' above the notes. There are annotations '+ E \flat key' and '- E \flat key' above the notes.

Concert A \flat (B \flat) Scale

Musical notation for the Concert A \flat (B \flat) Scale. The scale is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are B \flat , C, D, E \flat , F, G, A \flat , B \flat .

Concert D \flat (E \flat) Scale

Musical notation for the Concert D \flat (E \flat) Scale. The scale is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are E \flat , F, G, A \flat , B \flat , C, D \flat , E \flat . There are annotations '+ E \flat key' and '- E \flat key' above the notes.

Concert F (G) Scale

Musical notation for the Concert F (G) Scale. The scale is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are G, A, B, C, D, E, F, G. The first half is marked with 'L R' above the notes. The second half is marked with 'RL' above the notes. There are annotations '+ E \flat key' and '- E \flat key' above the notes.

Concert C (D) Scale

Musical notation for the Concert C (D) Scale. The scale is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are D, E, F, G, A, B, C, D. The first half is marked with 'L R' above the notes. The second half is marked with 'R L' above the notes. There is an annotation '+ E \flat key' above the notes.

Concert G (A) Scale

Musical notation for the Concert G (A) Scale. The scale is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are A, B, C, D, E, F, G, A. The first half is marked with 'L R' above the notes. The second half is marked with 'R L' above the notes.

Concert D (E) Scale

Musical notation for the Concert D (E) Scale. The scale is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are E, F, G, A, B, C, D, E. The first half is marked with 'R L R' above the notes. The second half is marked with 'R L R' above the notes. There are annotations '+ E \flat key' and '- E \flat key' above the notes.

Concert A (B) Scale

Musical notation for the Concert A (B) Scale. The scale is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are B, C, D, E, F, G, A, B. The first half is marked with 'R L R' above the notes. The second half is marked with 'R L R' above the notes.

Concert E (G \flat) Scale

Musical notation for the Concert E (G \flat) Scale. The scale is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are G \flat , A, B, C, D, E, F, G \flat . The first half is marked with 'L R' above the notes. The second half is marked with 'R L R' above the notes. There are annotations 'use chromatic fingering' and '+ E \flat key' above the notes.

Concert B (D \flat) Scale

Musical notation for the Concert B (D \flat) Scale. The scale is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are D \flat , E, F, G, A, B, C, D \flat . The first half is marked with 'S' above the notes. The second half is marked with 'L R' above the notes. There are annotations 'use chromatic fingering' and '+ E \flat key' above the notes.

Concert G \flat (A \flat) Scale

Musical notation for the Concert G \flat (A \flat) Scale. The scale is written on a treble clef staff. The notes are A \flat , B, C, D, E, F, G \flat , A \flat . The first half is marked with 'S' above the notes. The second half is marked with 'L R' above the notes.

STEELE 26 - Audition Excerpt

♩ = 132

C1 C2 *fff* C3 C4 *mf* C5 C6 *fp* C7

C8 *ff* C9 C10 C11 *p sub.* C12 C13 C14 C15 *fff* C16