



OSCEOLA COUNTY SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

# 2025 / 2026 APPLICATION & AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

## Band

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Prospective Instrumental Music students should prepare the following to perform:

**(All applicants will need to bring two copies of their prepared audition materials to the audition for the judges!)**

### INCOMING 6TH GRADE AND BEGINNER 7TH GRADE APPLICANTS:

- Two contrasting pieces (one slow, one fast) on any woodwind or brass instrument, guitar, recorder, piano, or xylophone.
- As many major scales as possible.
- There will be basic sight reading, pitch matching with the voice, and rhythmic call & response as well.
- Note – Incoming Sixth grade and beginner 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will be given full consideration and will be selected based on their potential for success, academic background and prepared audition. These students do not need to have previous experience on a band or orchestra instrument. Students will be required to rent or purchase an instrument if accepted. Students who audition on piano, guitar, or recorder will be tested, pending acceptance, for an appropriate band instrument to play in the OCSA Band Program. **\*Students will not have Piano, Guitar, or Drumset as their primary instrument once accepted as they are not primary instruments in the concert band \***
- A summer band camp will be required upon acceptance.

### INCOMING 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE APPLICANTS:

- Two contrasting pieces (one slow, one fast) on your current band instrument. Students MUST audition on a traditional Band instrument: **No piano, guitar, or drum set**. Percussion MUST audition on snare, mallets, and/or timpani.
- **8<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS MUST AUDITION ON A TRADITIONAL CONCERT BAND INSTRUMENT!!! (Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Classical Percussion)**
- **7<sup>th</sup> Graders not already in band at their current school will be considered but will have to take beginner band with incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders in order to learn to play a traditional Concert Band Instrument.**
- All 7 Major Scales and the Chromatic as required by the All State Auditions.
- Sight Reading
- A Jazz Excerpt (swing and/or Latin) if you want to be considered for the OCSA Jazz Bands.
- Note – Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be given full consideration pending they are at or above the level of the current members of the OCSA band program. **\*Students will not have Piano, Guitar, or Drumset as their primary instrument once accepted as they are not primary instruments in the concert band\***
- A summer band camp will be required upon acceptance.

### INCOMING HS APPLICANTS:

- Two contrasting pieces (one slow, one fast) on your current band instrument. Students MUST audition on a traditional Band instrument: **No piano, guitar, or drum set**. Percussion MUST audition on snare, mallets, and/or timpani.
- **STUDENTS MUST AUDITION ON A TRADITIONAL CONCERT BAND INSTRUMENT!!! (Flute, Oboe, Bassoon, Clarinet, Bass Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba, Classical Percussion)**
- All 12 Major Scales and the Chromatic as required by the All State Auditions.
- Sight Reading
- A Jazz Excerpt (swing and/or Latin) if you want to be considered for the OCSA Jazz Bands.
- Note - Incoming HS students will be given full consideration pending they are at or above the level of the current members of the OCSA band program. **\*Students will not have Piano, Guitar, or Drumset as their primary instrument once accepted as they are not primary instruments in the concert band\***
- A summer band camp will be required upon acceptance.