

Instrumental Music Auditions

How do I register for the band?

1. Submit the course selection sheet and the Instrumental Music Audition Form provided with this packet at the registration table.
2. Come to the school prepared to audition on **Saturday, April 21, 2012.**

When do I audition for the band?

Auditions will take place on Saturday, April 21st in Hurtado Hall. Audition times are scheduled alphabetically according to last name. We will adhere to these times as best we can, but be aware that there might be a delay if there is a large turnout. **If you are taking both placement exams during your scheduled audition time, you must come to the audition as soon as you finish your exam.**

IF you are not taking both exams, please follow the schedule below.

A-F	11:00 am
G-L	12:00 noon
M-R	1:00 pm
S-Z	2:00 pm

How can I prepare for the audition?

For the audition, be prepared to:

1. Play a concert Bb major scale, two octaves (Brass players: one octave plus to the upper extent of your comfortable playing range.)
2. Prepare a selection of your choice that highlights your musical strengths.
3. Drummers should be prepared to demonstrate a swing beat and a bossa-nova beat.

What should I bring to the audition?

Except for drums and piano, you are expected to bring your own instrument.

What if I have no band experience?

Students with no experience but a strong desire to join the band are welcome to interview during the audition process. Those students should be prepared to:

1. Explain the level of their commitment: **why** they are motivated, and **how** they will go about learning their instrument (private lessons, amount of practice time, willingness to rent an instrument if necessary).
2. Bring a letter of recommendation from a teacher attesting to their ability to make a commitment and stick with it.

All students should be prepared to take outside lessons if recommended.

Auditions on these instruments require a performance-level technical ability for their grade level, and require a commitment to lessons outside of school. Reading music and knowledge of chords are required.

About the Xavier High School Instrumental Music:

Instrumental Music at Xavier High School is a comprehensive jazz-based curriculum focused on the individual musician. The four-year sequence of courses provides a strong foundation in instrumental proficiency, classic jazz repertoire, entrée to keyboard harmony and composition, and audio production using the school's 24-track recording studio. Additionally, each student also participates in one of the school's two jazz ensembles, each of which rehearses after-school two days each week. These ensembles perform at festivals throughout the Northeast.

2012-13 Instrumental Music Audition Form

Please complete and return this form on or before March 07, 2012

Student name: _____

Instrument: _____

Address: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Email of Parent or Guardian: _____

Home phone: _____