

## DISTRICT HONOR BAND TRYOUT PROCEDURES

Instructions for District Honor Band Tryouts: SATURDAY JAN. 7th

1. Everyone is personally responsible for you and your instrument's transportation to Calhoun Middle School. If you signed up for tryouts, it is your responsibility to show up, because that time spot has been reserved for you, and does not show well for RJHS if people don't show. Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your tryout time.
2. Immediately go to the warm up area to find the posting of the room your instrument will be trying out in.
3. Go to that room, look on the door, and find out exactly which parts of your etudes you will be playing for the judge. Mark it on your music.
4. Go back to the warm up room and warm up. Do not over do it!!!
5. Report to your tryout room 5 minutes before your designated time. Wait for the judge to call your name before entering the room.
6. The judges will not call out the individual scales. Each student will play all the required scales in order on their scale sheets. During sight reading, the judge will give you about 30 seconds to look over the musical excerpt. Study the rhythm, dynamics, tempo markings, and articulations. You may clap or finger the rhythms. If you want, you can ask the judge if it is okay to play the scale in the same key of the sight reading material before actually playing the music. You may take your fingering charts in with you, and nothing should be done from memory.
7. The tryout will only take 5 minutes. You are free to leave the school after playing.
8. I will not receive the results until late that night. **Results will be posted on schoolnotes.com sometime around 7:00 pm.** You can start checking as early as 5:00 pm.
9. Those selected from the auditions will be required to attend the practices and concert on Jan. 27 and 28. I will be taking a bus to and from on the 27th, and to on the 28<sup>th</sup>. You will receive the itinerary for these two days closer to the event.
10. Make sure that you are dressed nicely! It doesn't have to be your Sunday's best, but on the better side of casual. No hats boys!
11. Percussionists, make sure you have your own music, mallets and sticks. Share if and when possible. Instruments will be provided for you in the tryout room.

### **Directions to Calhoun Middle School:**

1. Merge onto I-20 E toward MONROE.
2. Take exit 101 Hwy 151 South to Hwy 80.
3. Turn LEFT onto Hwy 80.
4. Drive about ½ mile, and school will be on your left.
5. **191 Highway 80 E, Calhoun, LA 71225**

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Student's Name

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Tryout time