

Important South Middle School 8th Grade Band Information

Band Website:

<http://www.lawrencehighband.com>

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Concert Dress

Concert Dress is concert black. For the gentlemen a long sleeve black button down shirt, black pants, black belt, black shoes, and black socks. For ladies it can be long pants, long skirt or dress. Long sleeve black blouse or long sleeve black shirt, and black closed toe shoes. This is required for all concerts.

Text Book

The text book that the 8th grade band will use is Warm-ups and Beyond. Mr. Jones will order enough books for everyone and these need to be returned in good shape.

<http://www.fjhmusic.com/band/bb203.htm>

Middle School Jazz Band

SMS Band members in grades 7-8 may audition for and participate in jazz band.

Instrumentation is standard “big band,” containing saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and a rhythm section (piano, guitar, bass, drums). Auditions typically occur after marching season (late Oct/early Nov); audition materials will be made available in the fall. Jazz Band is an outside of the school day ensemble, which rehearses Tuesdays from 6-7 PM.

John Philip Sousa Band

John Philip Sousa Band is a select ensemble that is made up of the top 6th through 9th grade band students in the state of Kansas. To be selected for this group a student must prepare the JP Sousa Honor Band audition music and make a recording of that material. This is one of the highest honors that an individual band student can have in the 9th grade.

Units/Chair Placement/Challenges

Students will be required to play off Units for a portion of their grade in band.

Additionally there will be opportunity for chair placement auditions and challenges under the discretion of the directors. Music for these in class auditions will be taken from the Units and/or music we are working on for performance. Students will be allowed to challenge for chairs, but the window of opportunity will not be long after a chair placement exam, and will be held again at the discretion of the directors.

