

EPISD MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR BAND NOMINATIONS

The Fine Arts department is starting a new MS Honor Band. The Band will be made up of students from every MS Band program in EPISD. Each head band director will nominate up to 10 students from their program that are second or third year players. There will be two honor groups (very similar to All Region Band-Symphonic and Concert). Since this is an Honor group, your nominated students need to meet the following requirements:

- 2-3 years experience (No beginners)
- Student(s) are able to read music of at least a level 1-2 grade music
- Student(s) exemplify the very best that your program offers
- Student(s) are very well behaved and can sit in a rehearsal for an extended period of time
- Student(s) will contribute positively to the group. Both musically and behavior wise.
- Student(s) are able to fulfill their obligation and participate in the rehearsals and concert
- You may nominate up to ten students but only if those ten meet the requirements. If you have less than ten, that is fine.
- Please be aware that not all students who are nominated might not be selected. It depends on instrumentation. The goal is to have well balanced groups. The organizers will do their best to incorporate as many nominated students as possible.
- Also, try to nominate students who play a variety of instruments. Please avoid nominating all of only one instrument.
- Students who made the 2023 All Region Band are highly encouraged to be nominated.

The following is a timeline and dates for this event. All of the information for the students will be in their folders as well. All rehearsals and concert will be held at Bowie HS:

- Nominations by March 1
- Music folders will be ready for pick up by April 5 (Fine Arts Music Library). Please pick up and distribute to your student(s) by April 12.
- Sectional- May 7 6:00-8:00pm
We will be reaching out to all directors for leading the sectionals
- Full Band rehearsal with clinicians May 8 6:00-8:00pm
- Full Band rehearsal May 9 afternoon 1:00-3:00pm (kids will be bused to the rehearsal and fed between the rehearsal and concert)
- Concert May 9 5:00pm

Clinicians for the Honor Bands are as follows:
Symphonic Band-Jerriald Dillard Oak Ridge HS Conroe ISD
Concert Band- John Scanlon Gadsden MS Gadsden ISD

Honor Band Organizers:
Symphonic Band-Ruth Allen
Concert Band-Jaime Orpinel