

2026 General Ray Davis Band Audition Instructions

Thank you for auditioning for the General Ray Davis Middle School Fine Arts Program and the GRDMS Band. Here are the requirements for auditioning.

Woodwind and Brass Players

Rising 8th Graders

- Perform the Concert F and Bb Scales, one octave, at 100 bpm
- The Concert Bb Chromatic Scale, one octave, at 100 bpm
- A prepared Etude

Rising 6th and 7th Graders

- Perform the Concert Bb Scale at 100 bpm
- The Concert Bb Chromatic Scale, one octave, at 100 bpm
- A prepared Etude

Percussion

Rising 8th Graders

Mallets

- Perform the Concert F and Bb Scales, one octave, at 100 bpm
- A prepared Etude

Snare Drum

- Perform the following rudiments: Single Stroke Roll, Single Paradiddle, Flam Tap, and a choice of 5 Stroke Roll or 9 Stroke Roll

Rising 6th and 7th Graders

Mallets

- Perform the Concert Bb Scale at 100 bpm
- A prepared Etude

Snare Drum

- Perform the following rudiments: Single Stroke Roll, Single Paradiddle, and Flam

Rising 6th Grade Students Only:

- If you are a rising 6th grade student, interested in playing an instrument, but don't have any experience. You too can audition for the Fine Arts Program in Band. You will be given a diagnostic test on basic musical theory.
- You need to be familiar with:
 - o Identifying the musical staff
 - o Identifying the treble clef
 - o Identifying whole notes, half notes, and quarter notes
 - o Identifying whole rests, half rests, and quarter rests
 - o Identifying different instruments in the band

Note: All of the required material can be found on the Davis Middle School website under Fine Arts and Band. **Please print off your instrument and grade level (rising 6th and 7th grade or rising 8th grade)** If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Williams, Director of Bands, at jwilliams1@rockdale.k12.ga.us.

General Ray Davis Middle School Fine Arts Audition

Contact person for questions: Mr. Williams

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Band Rubric

Requirements for the rising 7th and 8th grade students. To audition for band students must be enrolled in a middle school band program or taking private lessons.

Instrumental Music Audition Requirements

Each student must complete the following:

Rising 8th Graders

Wind Players

1. **30 points** - Play the following major scales one octave: Concert F and Bb at 100 bpm
2. **20 points** - Chromatic scale one octave: Concert Bb
3. **50 points** – Perform required prepared piece

Percussion

1. **30 points** – Mallets: Play the following major scales one octave: Concert F and Bb at 100 bpm
2. **20 points** - Snare: 4 rudiments (*single stroke roll, paradiddle, flam tap, and a choice of 5 stroke roll or 9 stroke roll*) All rolls should be played open/closed/open or slow/fast/slow
3. **50 points** – Perform required prepared piece on mallets

Rising 6th and 7th Graders

Wind Players

1. **25 points** - Play the following major scale one octave: Concert Bb at 100 bpm
2. **25 points** - Chromatic scale one octave: Concert Bb
3. **50 points** – Perform required prepared piece

Percussion

1. **25 points** – Mallets: Play the following major scales one octave: Bb at 100 bpm
2. **25 points** - Snare: 4 rudiments (*single stroke roll, paradiddle, flam, and flam tap*) All rolls should be played open/closed/open or slow/fast/slow
3. **50 points** – Perform required prepared piece on mallets

Rising 6th Graders with no experience will take a 100-point diagnostic test. Please see page one for items on the test.