



William B. Travis High School
Travis Tiger Band
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2011 - 2012 Wind Audition

All scales and etudes for the audition must be downloaded from the Downloads page at www.nathanlcarter.net.

Students who play wind instruments will perform scales and two short etudes. This audition is to determine appropriate placement in a band at THS. Therefore, it is critical that students take this audition seriously. Students are reminded that seniority is not taken into consideration. The **quality of the audition, past attendance, and past eligibility** are the important factors. Scales do not have to be memorized, although memorization is recommended to ensure that the scales are learned. We are not interested in how fast you play your scales; we want to hear them played accurately and with a great sound.

Required Scales: Chromatic and concert Bb, Eb, Ab, Db, F, C, and G. Tongue going up – slur going down. The remaining 5 scales can be played for extra credit and **are required for placement in Honor Band**. Scales are to be played for the range indicated.

Wind Etudes: These etudes are short and can be prepared very quickly. What we are looking for is the student's ability to perfect not only the rhythm and notes, but also the student's demonstration of mature tone quality, control, and musical expression. The woodwind etudes are the same for every instrument, and the brass etudes are the same for every instrument (horns will sound a different pitch). This will make it convenient for students to practice with and help one another.

Note to oboe and bassoon students: Unless you play another instrument such as flute or saxophone, you will perform in the Front Ensemble for the marching program. If you will perform with the percussion section you will need to attend the THS Percussion Camp (check website for details).

The audition dates / times will occur as following:

Veterans: Beginning the week of May 24 during band classes.

New members will need to make arrangements to travel to Travis High School for their audition for the following times:

Monday, May 16

4:30 PM – FLUTES / TRUMPETS

5:15 PM – CLARINETS / TROMBONES

Tuesday, May 17

4:30 PM – OBOES / BASSOONS / FRENCH HORNS

5:15 PM – SAXOPHONES / EUPHONIUMS / TUBAS

5:45 PM – Make-up Auditions

Make sure that you are ready by that date. An MP3 will be available on Mr. Carter's web site (www.nathanlcarter.net) that contains a discussion and recording of each etude.

Results will be posted on Mr. Carter's web site.

Best wishes for an awesome audition!

Important Dates

May 3	New Member Registration [5:30 PM-7:00 PM] *(Be sure to check www.travistigerband.com and download all of the necessary forms for a faster check-out).
May 4	Veteran Registration [5:30 PM-8:00 PM]
May 16	New Member Wind Auditions 1 -4:30 PM – FLUTES / TRUMPETS -5:15 PM – CLARINETS / TROMBONES
May 17	New Member Wind Auditions 2 -4:30 PM – OBOES / BASSOONS / FRENCH HORNS -5:15 PM – SAXOPHONES / EUPHONIUMS / TUBAS -5:45 PM – Make-up Auditions
May 19-20	New Member Pre-Season Training Courses [4:30 PM-6:00 PM]
June 6-7	FISH Camp [8:00 AM-4:00 PM]
June 8-10	Mini Camp [8:00 AM-4:00 PM]
June 6-10	Percussion/Colorguard Camp [8:00 AM-4:00 PM] *(Drum Line, Front Ensemble, and Colorguard only)
June 21	Technique / Pass-off #1 [9:30 AM-12:00 PM]
July 5	Technique / Pass-off #2 [9:30 AM-12:00 PM]
July 19	Technique / Pass-off #3 [9:30 AM-12:00 PM]
July 22	The Excitement of Sound – Drum Corps Show 1 Berry Athletic Complex (tickets available at www.dci.org) **optional
July 29	Technique / Pass-off #4 [9:30 AM-12:00 PM]
August 2 - 20	Band Camp

Pre-Season Training Courses

May 19 - 20 [4:30 PM – 6:00 PM]

This is for all incoming freshmen. Freshmen will have an opportunity to meet, build relationships, and work with the Tiger Band leadership. Freshmen will begin working on marching fundamentals in a less intimidating environment and be better prepared for Mini Camp.

Fish Camp

June 6 - 7 [8:00 AM – 4:00 PM]

This is for all incoming freshmen. Freshmen will continue to work with the Tiger Band leadership, continuing to develop marching fundamentals in preparation for Mini Camp.

Mini Camp

June 8 - 10 [8:00 AM – 4:00 PM]

This is required for all students. We will work on marching fundamentals, playing fundamentals, ensemble skills, and begin work on our field show music.

Technique / Pass-off Sessions

Students will need to make arrangements to attend these sessions to continue with training and music memorization. The opening production must be performed by memory before the first day of August camp in order to qualify for Varsity. Please consult calendar for all dates and information.

DCI – Excitement of Sound Houston Show (www.dci.org)

July 22 [Berry Athletic Complex] Drum & Bugle Corps from around the world will perform live for one of the most entertaining shows on the planet as part of the Summer Music Games. We encourage everyone and their families to attend this exciting annual event as these touring groups travel to compete for the DCI World Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana. Tickets and information is available through www.dci.org