

Riverside County High School Honor Band Guidelines & Contract

Attention Students! The back page of this document MUST be brought to your audition. No student will be allowed to audition without submitting this signed contract! Before auditioning for this opportunity, you should be well aware of what this event is all about! Students should only audition if they are committed to participating in this event, if selected after auditions.

This is the first inaugural year of this event, and we are excited that you are interested in being a part of this!

Get ready to be a part of something amazing! You are going to have an unbelievably rewarding experience!

What is Riverside County High School Honor Band?

Students from every High School in all Riverside County School Districts (total of 23) have the opportunity to audition to be a part of an Honor Band ensemble. Selected students will learn music, attend rehearsals and work with a college-level guest conductor, and wrap up the event with a culminating performance.

Auditions

After filling out the "Audition Application" (available on the Honor Band website), students will be assigned an audition time. Auditions will take place:

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- Saturday, December 7, 2019, at Rancho Verde High School (Moreno Valley)
- Saturday, December 14, 2019, at Cathedral City High School (Cathedral City)

Student audition times will be grouped by High School to accommodate carpooling.

Audition time slots are 5 minutes. Students may audition for multiple instruments if they wish. Audition requirements and information will be available on the Honor Band website. Make sure that you are adequately prepared!

Two adjudicators will be present in every audition room. Though the audition time slot is 5 minutes, judges may not hear full excerpts, and they may ask students to stop playing once they have heard enough to generate scores. Official audition scores will be an average of both adjudicators individual scores. To ensure fairness, band directors will not be able to submit adjudication scores for their own high school students.

Selection

Students with the highest audition scores will be notified of their acceptance. The anticipated size of this ensemble is 70-80 students, and unfortunately we do not have room for everyone! A wait-list will be created, and if any selected students are not able to participate, students on the wait-list will be contacted.

Rehearsals and Performance

After students are informed of their acceptance into Honor Band, their materials will be mailed to their High School Band Director. . Honor Band students are expected to learn their music at home. ***It is very important that students work on learning these pieces at home prior to the first rehearsal on Thursday, January 30. Students, make sure you practice your music at home! You don't want to arrive to the first rehearsal unprepared! If you need help, ask your band director!***

At Honor Band rehearsals, students will work on polishing and perfecting high-quality and challenging repertoire. The Honor Band ensemble will be directed by a Southern California college-level Band Director. After several rehearsals, groups will demonstrate their accomplishments through a performance, and awards will be distributed.

Attendance

Attendance for this event is "**All or Nothing.**" That means, you must be present on time, and for the full duration of all rehearsals.

Arriving late/leaving early will not be permitted, and may result in a student being dismissed from Honor Band.

What should students bring?

All students are required to bring the following to rehearsal:

1. Instrument
2. Accessories (and back ups) for your instrument: reeds, cork grease, valve oil, slide cream
3. Pencil
4. Honor Band Music
5. Permission Slip
6. Water Bottle
7. Non-Messy Snack
8. Positive attitude :)

Honor Band Performance

Honor Band rehearsals are designed to prepare the ensemble for a performance. The performance is taking place Saturday, February 1, at 6pm in the Theatre at Palm Springs High School.

Parents, family, and friends are encouraged to attend the performance. Students will have worked very hard in preparation, and it is going to be an incredible performance! Photos and video will be taken and made accessible on the Honor Band web page. Admission to the performance is complimentary (free).

All performers and audience members are required to stay for the entire concert.

Concert Attire

To the concert on Saturday, February 1, Honor Band students are asked to arrive in semi-formal attire. Another suggestion is black on bottom, white on top, ladies in skirts/dresses, and gentlemen in collared shirts with ties.

Timeline & Schedule

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<u>Friday, October 11</u>	Audition application window opens
<u>Friday, November 15</u>	Audition application window closes
<u>Friday, November 22</u>	Audition assignments announced (website and via student, parent, and band director email)
<u>Saturday, December 7</u>	Auditions (Rancho Verde High School)
<u>Saturday, December 14</u>	Auditions (Cathedral City High School)
<u>Friday, December 20</u>	Roster announced (website and via student, parent, and band director email)

Thursday, January 30, 2020 - Palm Springs High School (Band Room)

5pm - 8:30pm Rehearsal
*Dinner will be served at this rehearsal.

Friday, January 30, 2020 - Palm Springs High School (Band Room)

*students will be missing an entire day of school to attend this rehearsal.
10am - 4:30pm Rehearsal
*Lunch will be served at this rehearsal.

Saturday, February 1, 2020 - Palm Springs High School (Band Room)

10am - 5pm Rehearsal
*Lunch and dinner will be served at this rehearsal
6pm - 7:30pm Honor Band Concert (Theatre)

Students are required to stay for the entire duration of the performance.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Honor Band Students are expected to:

- Learn their music at home prior to rehearsals.
- Be on time to rehearsals and the performance.
- Follow instructions given by directors and conductor.
- Treat students, staff, and facilities with respect.
- Represent their school and district in a positive manner.

and finally...

Approach this event and opportunity with positivity and optimism! If you can do this, you will learn a lot, become a better musician, and have a lot of fun!

Honor Band Rules

- Follow instructions the first time!
- Raise your hand if you have a question.
- Do not talk out of turn.
- Treat your rehearsal room, chair, and music stand with care.
- Remain in your assigned seat unless you have permission from a Director or Conductor.

Consequences:

If a student breaks an honor band rule, the consequences will depend upon severity. If the student is given a warning, and their behavior persists, ***their parent/guardian will be contacted and asked to pick up their child.*** Depending on the behavior or offense, administration at the involved students' school will be notified, and the appropriate discipline policy will be used.

Parents:

High school band directors are asked to ensure that transportation for students is not an issue. Band directors are encouraged to drive students to and from all rehearsals unless this is not needed.

If you plan to transport your child to rehearsal, please note drop-off and dismissal times for all rehearsals. Students need to be on time and picked up at the times listed! Students must be on time and refrain from leaving early!

PERMISSION SLIPS/SIGNED CONTRACT

In order to audition for Riverside County High School Honor Band 2020, all students must turn in:

1. Signed contract (next page) completely filled out by student and parent/guardian and submitted at audition check-in.

If a student is selected for Honor Band, he/she must bring the following to the first rehearsal:

1. Permission slip - completely filled out.

*No student will be allowed to audition and/or participate if they do not have both forms turned in!

Questions?

Ask your Band Director, or email lhiggins@rcoe.us

Please remove this page, fill out, and submit upon check-in at Auditions.

Student and Parent/Guardian Contract

We (student and parents/guardians) have read, understand, and agree to all the terms/conditions in regards to this event. We understand that there is limited space in the Honor Band ensemble, and that selection is determined by audition scores. We understand the rules and expectations that all students must abide by. We understand that our child needs to behave according to Honor Band rules in order to help the Riverside County Music Programs maintain a high standard of excellence.

Student Name: _____ High School: _____

Instrument: _____ Tee-Shirt Size: (Circle one) Youth Adult size: _____

Do you have any dietary restrictions? If yes, please explain: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print): _____

Daytime Phone (include area code): _____

Alternate Phone (include area code): _____