

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ALL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BAND
2009-2010**

_____ is invited to audition for the 2009-2010 Anne Arundel County Public Schools All County High School Band. An invitation does not guarantee acceptance, however. Final acceptance will be based on audition scores.

The county-wide music events of Anne Arundel County Public Schools are planned by music teachers and the Music Office to give our outstanding students opportunities for music performance at a level beyond that usually available in the individual school. There is a guest conductor of strong reputation, students are selected by audition, and instrumentation and voicing is balanced so that the music can be performed appropriately. The time with the conductor is critical to effective ensemble performance and musical unity. The active commitment to the process and to the concert is the ingredient that has ensured excellence over time. No participant is unimportant; each depends on the other.

Anne Arundel County Public School students, who are participating as members in good standing of the band class at the school, as affirmed by the specific music teacher, are eligible for participation in county-wide events. All students must attend the audition and the entire length of all rehearsals in order to maintain eligibility. The Anne Arundel County Music Office understands that talented students have opportunities for many choices. The All County Band experience is a unique opportunity for students; therefore the choice must be made to attend all the rehearsals in entirety, with no exceptions. The attached Parent/Student Commitment Form and the Student Code of Conduct which clearly articulate the level of commitment for this event must be agreed to, signed, and returned before the student participates in the audition.

All auditions, rehearsals, and performances will be held at North County High School. The audition, rehearsals, and concert dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday, January 6, 2010	4:15 PM	Auditions (Check-in 4:00 – 5:30 PM. Students must check-in within this time frame in order to audition)
<i>Monday, January 11, 2010</i>	<i>4:15 PM</i>	<i>Weather Date for Auditions</i>
Wednesday, January 13, 2010	6:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Rehearsal
<i>Thursday, January 14, 2010</i>	<i>6:00 PM – 8:30 PM</i>	<i>Weather Date for Rehearsal</i>
Thursday, February 4, 2010	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Rehearsal
Friday, February 5, 2010	8:30 AM – 3:30 PM	Rehearsal (bring bag lunch)
Saturday, February 6, 2010	8:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Rehearsal
Saturday, February 6, 2010	7:00 PM (6:15 pm call)	Concert (doors open at 6:30 PM for the public)

Admission to the concert is \$5.00 per person, payable at the door or pre-ordered at the end of the final rehearsal. A recording of the concert may be available. The revenue from admissions and recordings support county-wide music activities. Consent to videotape by signature on the "Parent/Student Commitment Form" will be necessary for student participation in the concert. Still pictures for publicity and promotion may also be taken. No student will be allowed to leave the campus during rehearsal hours for any reason. Meals must be eaten on campus. Please provide a bag lunch for Friday, February 5, 2010. Parents are responsible for providing transportation to the audition, all rehearsals, and the concert.

Concert dress: Ladies – black knee length (or longer) dress, skirt, or full length black dress slacks with black blouse; dress stockings; dress shoes, no spiked heels
Gentlemen - black dress pants, white dress shirt, black dress shoes, dark sport coat or dark suit, black socks, dark solid color tie.

Keep this page for reference and return the completed commitment form to your instrumental director by Friday, December 11, 2009.