

[St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5](#)

2023-24 All-Suburban High School Jazz Band Audition Information

September 1, 2023

TO: St. Louis Suburban High School Band Directors
FROM: Dennis McFarland – St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 High School Jazz Vice-President
RE: 2023-24 High School Jazz Band Auditions
WHEN: Monday, November 6, 2023 from 4:00 - 10:00 pm
WHERE: Ladue Horton Watkins High School, 1201 S. Warson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124
CLINICIAN: Sharel Cassity, Saxophonist, Composer and Educator

Please make this information available to all of your band students regarding the 2023-24 All-Suburban Jazz Band Auditions. Please note that both the All-Suburban Concert Band and Jazz Band auditions will be held on the same evening at the same school.

Registration for High School All-Suburban Jazz Band is online.

**Go to the St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 website: www.stlsuburbanmmeadistrict5.com
Locate the “Band-Honor Groups” page and click on the “Online Registration Link.”**

High School All-Suburban Jazz Band Schedule

Monday, October 2: Registration Opens - HS Band, HS Orchestra, HS Jazz
Friday, October 13: Registration Deadline - HS Band, HS Orchestra, HS Jazz
Monday, November 6: HS Honor Concert Band/Jazz Band Auditions - Ladue High School - 4:00-10:00 pm
Monday, November 27: HS Honor Concert Band/Jazz Band Rehearsal–Kirkwood HS - 7:00 - 9:30 pm
Saturday, December 2: All-State Concert Band & Jazz Band Auditions - Hickman HS, Columbia, MO
Monday, December 4: HS Honor Concert Band/Jazz Band Rehearsal–Kirkwood HS - 7:00 - 9:30 pm
Friday, January 5: HS Honor Concert Band/Jazz Band Rehearsal–Kirkwood HS - 7:00 - 9:30 pm
Saturday, January 6: HS Honor Concert Band/Jazz Band Rehearsal–Kirkwood HS - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday, January 7: HS Honor Concert Band/Jazz Band Concert–Kirkwood HS - 2:45 pm

*****In order to participate, students accepted to the ensemble must attend all rehearsals and the performance*****

Application/Registration

- Registration for auditions will be done by directors and/or their students by going to www.stlsuburbanmmeadistrict5.com Click on the appropriate honor groups page (band, orchestra, or choir) and click on the “Online Registration Link” for the group you wish to register students. Students auditioning for more than one instrument only need to register ONCE. Please make sure to answer all the questions on the page. If a student is auditioning for BOTH concert and jazz band, you only need to register that student ONCE. Please make sure you answer all of the questions on the registration page. Once you have completed the registration page for the student, click SUBMIT. You WILL NOT receive a confirmation.
- Once registration closes for each group, directors will have a chance to verify their school’s entries through the verification process. There will be a \$25.00 fee assessed to any late entry or any correction needed after the verification deadline. This fee will be assessed to each correction. It is a huge undertaking to make adjustments to this process after the deadline. All correction fees will be added to your final registration invoice.

- Audition times and room assignments will be EMAILED to directors by October 31. Students will not need to sign-in at the audition. They should bring their audition sheet with them and proceed to the audition room. **Directors are strongly encouraged to handle the entire registration process for all of their students.**
- **REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN Monday, October 6 at 6:00 a.m. REGISTRATION will conclude Friday, October 13 at MIDNIGHT.**
- The audition fee is \$15.00 per audition and you must pay for all auditions that have registered. If you register 10 students who will be taking 15 different auditions, you owe \$225.00 even if only 9 actual auditions take place on November 7. This is consistent with the All-State audition process. Once students are registered, directors will receive an invoice from St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 with payment instructions. Upon receiving the invoice, directors will have 30 days to submit their payment for the audition fees.
- Students will not be permitted to audition without an application on file.
- Remind your students that they will be assigned an audition time and that they are required to adhere to that time, or may forfeit their audition. Students that may have a conflict with after school activities should wait to register closer to the deadline to get a later audition time.

Audition Instructions:

- Students will not be given an audition number. The audition judge will only recognize you by your audition time. You will be met at your audition room by a room monitor who will double check with you as to your audition time and confirm your name. This information will not be made available to the judge.
- Audition times and room assignments will be EMAILED to band directors by October 31.
- Show up for your audition at least 30 minutes prior to your audition time. You may warm-up in the Commons area of Ladue High School. You may not practice in the hallways or outside your audition room.
- Report to your audition room 10 minutes prior to your audition. The room Monitor will call you by your audition time when it is your time to audition.
- Avoid talking to the judge. If you have any questions, ask the room monitor.
- Failure to report to your audition at your assigned time may result in you not being able to audition.
- A drum set, piano, vibraphone, amps, and music stands will be provided. Please bring instrument cables.

Audition Music:

All information for the audition repertoire can be found at the MOAJE website - www.moaje.org. Please consult the website for EXACT requirements. Printing a requirement sheet for each student auditioning is strongly encouraged. [Set 4 Swing and Latin etudes](#) are available to download for free. Students must also perform Concert F Blues from **Jamey Aebersold's book "Blues in All Keys"** and **"Satin Doll" from Dr. Willie Hill's "Approaching the Standards, Vol.1"**. Demo recordings and play-along tracks for all 4 required audition pieces are available [here](#). Play-along tracks will be used for auditions at both the district and state levels. Piano and guitar players must demonstrate comping styles. Bass players must demonstrate walking bass lines. Drums should be able to demonstrate a variety of styles including Shuffle, Samba, Bossa, Jazz Waltz, and Funk as listed [here](#).

Audition Results

Audition results will be emailed to directors. If students are auditioning for multiple ensembles and are selected for both the concert and jazz band, they will be asked to choose one. Please ask your students to be available at home after auditions so they may choose the group with which they would like to perform. Any student selected for both ensembles WILL BE ELIGIBLE to audition for each ensemble at the state level regardless of his/her choice at the All-Suburban level. This criteria applies to all alternates, as well.

Attention Directors

High School All-Suburban Band, Jazz, and Orchestra auditions, rehearsals, and performances are considered MSHSAA interscholastic activities. These activities are governed by MSHSAA Bylaw 103 and do require a school representative in attendance at all events or student participation will be denied.