

CARROLL DRAGON BAND AUDITION INFORMATION

2016- 2017

ALL INSTRUMENTS

Please read the following information concerning the audition procedure carefully. If you do not understand something, or if something is not clear, please ask your director ASAP.

The audition is divided into 4 sections:

1. Major scales
2. Chromatic scale
3. Etudes
4. Sight-reading

Each is worth a certain number of points and will be added together for the final ranking. Band placement and chair order will be determined from the final results. All students will be placed in one of the four or five ensembles that will meet at either Carroll High School or Carroll Senior High. Ensembles will include the Wind Symphony, Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band.

1. 2 MAJOR SCALES: 15 points each (Total 30 points)

Each scale should be played to the maximum ability of the performer. A chart will be posted on line with requirements. Each scale should be quarter/ eighth note pattern, tongued up and slurred down.

Each scale should be played at a **minimum** tempo mark of 112.

Each scale is to be played from memory.

2. CHROMATIC SCALE: 30 points

As posted in each band hall for chromatic scale requirements for your instrument.

Triplet pattern is preferred, a **minimum** tempo of 100 should be observed.

Played from memory.

3. TWO ETUDES: 50 points each (Total 100 points)

These examples are to demonstrate your technical ability, musicality and tone quality.

The etudes should be played according to the tempo range marked on the music.

4. Sight Reading: 40 points

This portion of the audition is designed to measure your reading skills. You will be asked to play a short original composition. You will have 30 seconds to look over the piece for notes, rhythms, dynamics, and all other aspects of performance before playing the piece.

AUDITION PROCEDURE

ALL students that wish to be involved in the **Dragon Band** program **MUST** audition on **Saturday April 30, 2016** at **Carroll High School**. All students will sign up and will audition by anonymous tryouts. Each student will sign in and receive a letter to audition. Auditions will begin at 9:00 am and will conclude before 3:00 p.m.

Percussion: Your audition will be a little different. Please see the percussion sheet for specific details.