



BENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



Visual and Performing Arts Magnet

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2024-2025 Eligibility

Symphonic Band, Advanced Orchestra, and Jazz Ensemble

- **Experience:** At least one (1) year in the appropriate Beginning-level class or one (1) year of continuous private lessons on an appropriate woodwind, brass, string, or percussion instrument
- **Attendance:** No unexcused concert absences; school attendance rate of 96% or above
- **GPA:** 2.0 or above
- **Citizenship:** zero (0) **U**'s and zero or one (0-1) **N**

Audition Requirements

Woodwind, Brass, Strings: Sight read a short (4-8 measures) developmentally-appropriate etude live in class

Jazz Ensemble rhythm section (guitar, bass guitar, drums, piano): Click [here](#) or See Mr. Summers in room 91 for a copy of the audition materials. Upload audition video(s) [here](#).

Percussion:

- Five Minute Drill - Legato Strokes & Dynamics - 5 points
- Five Minute Drill - Flams & Paradiddles - 5 points
- Five Minute Drill - Timing Patterns - 5 points
- Five Minute Drill - Double Strokes - 5 points
- Five Minute Drill - Buzz Strokes & Accent Tap - 5 points
- Five Minute Drill - Chicken & a Roll - 5 points
- B-flat Major Scale (memorized) - 10 points
- E-flat Major Scale (memorized) - 10 points
- F Major Scale (memorized) - 10 points
- Sight Reading - Snare Drum - 20 points
- Sight Reading - Keyboard - 20 points
- TOTAL - 100 points

Audition Tiebreakers:

1. Second semester Overall grade
2. Second semester Musicianship grade
3. Second semester Professionalism grade
4. Second semester GPA