

Reading Memorial High School Jazz Band Audition Procedure 2024-2025

Jazz and Stage Band Auditions will be held on Friday March 1 and Saturday March 2. All auditions will be held in the band room of Reading Memorial High School. To sign up for an audition time please click on this [link](#). You can also find out information by going to www.rmhsjazzband.weebly.com If you have any questions about how to sign up for a time contact me at joseph.mulligan@reading.k12.ma.us

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

Winds:

- ✓ Chromatic Scale, see audition sheet for the correct register. This scale must be memorized.
- ✓ Blues Scales, see audition sheet for the correct register. These scales must be memorized.
- ✓ Assigned audition piece, which is *Keep Smilin'*. You will be asked to play along with the rhythm section on the recording.
- ✓ Watch staccatos, accents, and dynamics!!!! Details matter **A LOT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- ✓ Sight-Reading (a short section of music in swing style)

Guitar, Piano, Vibes and Bass

- ✓ Chromatic Scale, see audition sheet for the correct register. This scale must be memorized.
- ✓ Blues Scales, see audition sheet for the correct register. These scales must be memorized.
- ✓ NO SCALES FOR PIANO
- ✓ Assigned audition piece, which is *Keep Smilin'*. You will be asked to play along with the rhythm section on the recording.
- ✓ You will be asked to comp the chords behind all of *Keep Smilin'*.
- ✓ Sight-Reading (a short section of music in swing style)

Drum Set

- ✓ Assigned audition piece, which is *Miles*. Understand that when you read a drum part in jazz music that the written part is just a sketch, you are not required to play every note on the page.
 - ✓ Improvisation (You will be asked to listen to a recording of a jazz ballad and a swing tune. You will then have to play along with the recording. You will hear the recordings three times: two for listening and practice and one for your performance. We will be looking for stability of beat and playing that fits with the ballad and swing styles.
 - ✓ You will also be asked to play different styles including fast swing, jazz shuffle, jazz waltz, swing, bossa nova, and rock. (All of these styles are notated on the Jazz Drum Set Audition Sheet).
 - ✓ You will also be asked to play fills within each style from the Jazz Drum Set Audition Sheet
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HINTS...

- ✓ Check the audition procedure sheet to see what we will be looking for in your playing.
- ✓ If you need help, ask! You don't have to prepare alone!
- ✓ Don't forget to prepare your scales!!!!!!