

2026 South Georgia Region Honor Band

August 25, 2025

Greetings to all of our band directors in Districts 2, 8, & 11. If you are new to our area, our three districts come together every year to provide our students an honor band experience beyond and above our district level groups. This ensemble is known as the South Georgia Region Honor Band.

Every year our students are selected through an audition process. Once accepted, they travel to Valdosta State University to work with fantastic clinicians on incredible music. The performances have been absolutely amazing and are of the highest quality!

If you have students that you know would enjoy this experience, please read on for registration and audition information.

2025-26 Audition Process

The Region Band selection process is as follows:

- Each student pays a **\$10.00 Region Band audition fee**. This fee helps to reduce the final acceptance fee once the band is chosen.
- Students audition for the District Honor Band using the required Chromatic & Major scales, Lyrical Etude, and Sight-Reading. **Students must be registered for the district level audition.** (This may include an audition fee. Varies by district.)
- **THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM SCORES MUST BE ACHIEVED BY STUDENTS ON THE DISTRICT AUDITION IN ORDER TO BE "RECOMMENDED" FOR THE FINAL AUDITION: (Please note; these cut-off scores are slightly different from the GMEA All-State cut-off scores - underlined & bold below)**
 1. Flutes, Alto Saxophones--minimum passing score of 85
 2. **Soprano Clarinets**, Trumpets, Oboes, Tenor Saxophones, Baritone Saxophones--minimum score of **75**
 3. All other wind instruments--minimum passing score of 70
 4. Percussion--minimum passing score of **80** must be achieved in two areas (Snare Drum, Timpani, Xylophone) and a minimum of 70 in the third
- Students scoring a 70 or higher, who are not recommended for the Final Audition, ***may*** be considered to fill out sections in the Region Band that are not completely filled by 2nd round auditions.
- Students who make the cut to the 2nd round, will be video recorded by their band director who will then upload an Unlisted YouTube video link by the designated date and time. (**Lyrical Etude & Quick Study Etudes only.**)
- 2nd round auditions will be evaluated by a panel of 3 judges (1 per district) who will each submit scores. These scores shall be averaged to find the students' final score and chair placement.
- Students selected after the final audition will pay a **\$10 acceptance fee** to participate in the South Georgia Region Honor Band

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Registration INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Download Excel File - Do NOT fill out online**
- 2) Save as - School Name_2026 Region Band**
- 3) Change the sample to reflect your information:**
 - a) ZZ Top HS becomes Your School Name**
 - b) Band Director = Your Name**
 - c) BD School Email = Your school email address**
 - d) BD Email #2 = Your 2nd email address**
 - e) BD Cell = Your cell phone number**
- 4) Please fill in the Information for your participating students accurately**
 - a) Name**
 - b) Grade**
 - c) Instrument**
 - i) If a student is auditioning on more than 1 instrument, fill out a line for each instrument**
 - ii) 2 instruments = 2 lines**
 - iii) If a student tries out on more than 1 instrument, the fee is \$10 per instrument**
- 5) If you are submitting students for both a High School and a Middle School, **please submit 2 separate spreadsheets**. (This will help us organize data more efficiently.)**
- 6) Upload your newly renamed (and saved) Spreadsheet to the Google Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/pnqQc6nERhjmVf7U8>**
- 7) Fill out also your Judging Preference within the Google Form**
- 8) Fill out the Registration Form (page 4 of this letter)**
- 9) Submit 1 check per school (HS or MS - 2 if both)**
 - a) \$10.00 per student per instrument registered to audition**
 - b) NO check = No REGISTRATION - **Registration Deadline: October 7, 2025****

Please note these important items relative to registration, auditioning, and Director judging responsibilities:

- Directors who register students for region band must be available to judge the 2nd round if their students score at or above the cut off score. Directors who have a conflict must find a suitable replacement (at the discretion of the region band committee). Directors who fail to fulfill their judging requirement in a timely manner will have their students disqualified from being accepted into the band.
- ALL DIRECTORS must familiarize themselves with the Fees Policy for Region Band Registration AND Acceptance, viewable at the Region Band website on the "Registration" page. All Directors are agreeing to the given Fees Policy when they register a student for the Region Band
- Please send any and all conflicts, questions, or concerns to the Region Band organizer ASAP. Failure to plan ahead for director-related responsibilities will not constitute an emergency on the part of the Organizer or Region Band committee members

2026 South Georgia Region Honor Band Registration Form

What: South Georgia Region Honor Band

When: April 9-11, 2026

Where: Valdosta State University

Registration Deadline: October 7, 2025

School _____

Band Director _____

Band Director Email _____

Total # of Students _____

\$10.00 per student = \$ _____

Check # _____

Please fill out the attached spreadsheet with student information and upload to:

<https://forms.gle/pnqQc6nERhjmVf7U8>

Please make checks payable to GMEA District 11 and send **along with this form to:**

Veterans High School

Attention: Grayson Mullis/South Georgia Region Honor Band

340 Piney Grove Road

Kathleen, GA 31047

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