



Lancer Band Audition Information



All Lancer Band members will be performing an audition again this year as they have the last few years. This process does not exclude anyone from being in Lancer Band, but it does give each student the opportunity to demonstrate several important factors of musicianship. We will use the results of this information for chair placement and in the distribution of specific parts within each section. Solos and other parts will be assigned according to the results of the auditions. Auditions will be held September 23rd through September 29th during each student's lesson. Results will be announced at rehearsal on October 1st. If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Amundson at (608) 783-5435, ext. 445 or amunnate@luther.k12.wi.us.

For the auditions, each student will play the following:

1. 2 Major Scales (chosen by the student)

- These will test the technical preparation of the students on something of their own choosing
- The C Major scale played correctly will be worth five points
- Other scales played correctly will be worth 1 additional point for each flat or sharp in the key signature
- Scales will also receive extra points if they are memorized
- One point will be deducted for each incorrect note

2. Portions of prepared songs (chosen by the director)

- These will be given to the students two weeks prior to the auditions and will test for the amount of preparation and attention to detail
- Each correctly played measure (meaning notes and rhythms) will earn one point – credit will be given for correct fingerings even for notes that don't speak
- Musical qualities including tone, style, dynamics, tempo and tonguing will earn additional points

3. A short sight-reading exercise (chosen by the director)

- This will be a piece of music the students have not seen before and will test the ability to look at a new piece of music and play everything as written
- Each correctly played measure (meaning notes and rhythms) will earn one point
- Musical qualities including tone, style, dynamics, tempo and tonguing will earn additional points