2026 All State Jazz Audition Procedures

All auditions are played with backing tracks. There is approximately 15 seconds between each etude on the track. Wind players will audition for one judge in the prelim round and then a panel in the callback round. All rooms will have callbacks. Students are free to leave after the final callbacks have been announced. Students need to fill out the Student Ensemble/Seating Preference Form prior to auditioning. Callbacks and Final Results will be posted HERE.

It is important to note that students must sign up at the start of the day for an audition slot. If they are auditioning for more than one ensemble (i.e. Band and Jazz), directors and students need to monitor both locations and make sure auditions are completed in a timely manner.

Prelim Round
Winds will play in this order

1. Swing Etude (with recording)
2. Latin Etude (with recording)
3. Dr. Jay (with recording)
    1. Play the melody one chorus (12 bars)
    2. Improvise for one chorus (12 bars)

Rhythm Section will play in this order

1. Swing Etude (with recording)
2. Latin Etude (with recording)
3. Dr. Jay (with recording)
    1. Piano, Bass, Guitar, Vibes, and Drums will play the melody first chorus (12 bars), comp or walk second chorus (12 bars), and improvise third chorus (12 bars)
4. Drums only - Play from the Drumset Styles page as requested from the judge

Callback Round
Winds will play in this order

1. Swing OR Latin Etude (Judge's Discretion) (with recording)
2. I've Got Rhythm (with recording)
    1. Play the melody one chorus (32 bars)
    2. Improvise for one chorus (32 bars)
3. Sight reading etude provided once in room

Rhythm Section will play in this order

1. Swing OR Latin Etude (Judge's Discretion) (with recording)
2. I've Got Rhythm (with recording)
    1. Piano, Bass, Guitar, Vibes, and Drums will play the melody first chorus (32 bars), comp or walk second chorus (32 bars), and improvise third chorus (32 bars)
3. Sight reading Etude provided once in room
4. Drums only - Play from the Drumset Styles page if requested from the judge