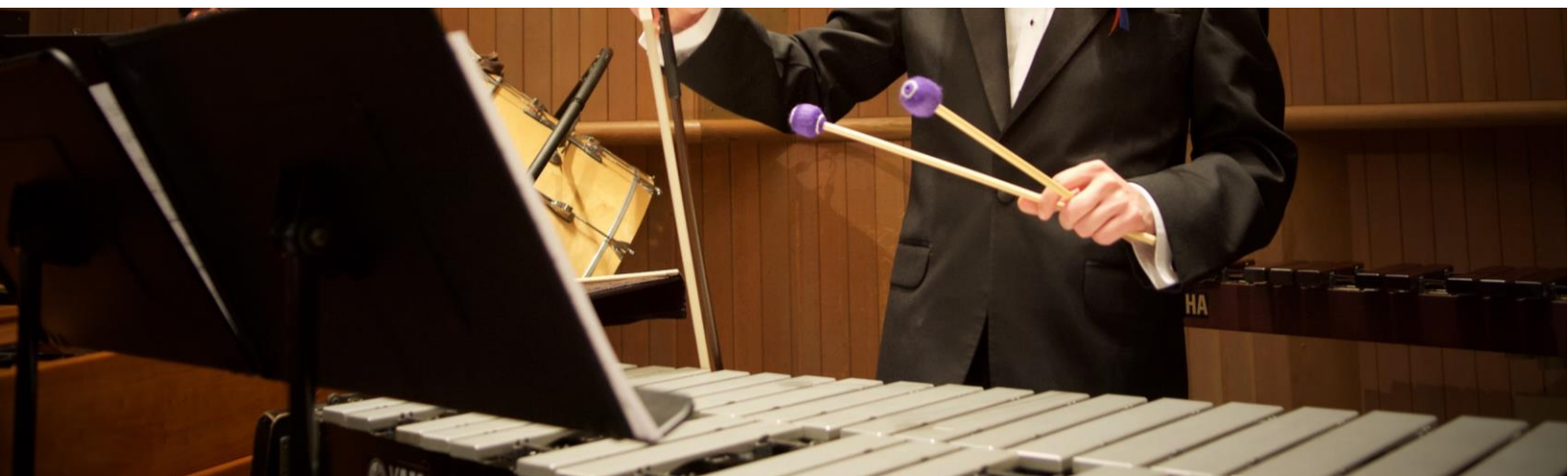


Harlan Hawk Band

Percussion Audition Information

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Information for Parents and Students:

Hello All,

My name is Mr. Steven Partida. I am the Assistant Band Director/Percussion Coordinator for the Harlan High School Band Program. I am thrilled to be working in partnership with our middle school programs to provide everything you need to be successful at the high school level. We are extremely excited to start up the 2024-2025 school year, with the intention of hitting the ground running right from the beginning.

Below, you will find the information laid out with everything you need to know about what is coming - including audition materials, dates, times, **summer camps**, and more. As always, please reach out if you have any questions. (steven.partida@nisd.net)

Here's What You Need to Know

When do Auditions start? How long do they last? What music do I audition with? What instruments can I try out for?

1. The Drumline Percussion Auditions are being held at the Harlan High School Band Hall. The dates are as follows:
 - **April 29th and 30th, from 4:45 – 6:30pm. May 3rd, from 4:45 – 6:30pm.**
2. Music will be distributed to the students at Bernal and Struas Middle Schools after spring break, with Mr. Rios and myself introducing the material to them throughout the coming weeks. The music will also be posted electronically on the Harlan Band Website Newsletter after a few weeks (find the “percussion” section at the bottom. [Newsletters](#) (harlanhawkband.org))
3. **All** students are encouraged to audition for the Drumline Audition that is happening on the above April/May dates. Even if they don't want to be on the drumline per say, it is a GREAT way to meet our Harlan Percussion Family and get an idea of what we as Percussion are all about! I would really like to meet everyone at these drumline audition dates, so please show up so that I can teach you and grow you as a percussionist!
4. The other percussion instruments, deemed the “Front Ensemble” for the marching band, includes the Marimba, Xylophone, Vibraphone, drumset, piano, and more. These auditions happen during our **June Camp and July Camp** (see below). But again, please audition for the drumline as well – I want to see your talents and meet you early so that you don't miss a thing! You can (and *will*) learn a lot from the drumline audition even if you want to be in the front ensemble.

June Camp, July Camp, and Summer Band:

- ***June Camp*** this year is going to be at the Harlan High School Band hall from **June 24th – 28th, 8am to 5pm**. It is highly encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and summer attire, as well as bring a *big* water jug to stay hydrated throughout the camp days. You must bring your own lunch to the camp, and there will be no “off-campus” lunch allowed.
- ***July Camp*** is going to be from **July 22nd – 26th, 8am to 5pm**. Just like the June Camp, bring a lunch, water jug, and comfortable summer attire.
- ***Summer Band Camp*** this year is the next 3 weeks in a row, Monday through Friday, starting the week of July 29th. Please see our Harlan Band Calendar on our website for all of the details ([BAND CALENDAR \(harlanhawkband.org\)](http://BAND CALENDAR (harlanhawkband.org))).
 - We update this calendar regularly – so if the information isn’t there yet, please be patient and we will get it posted asap!

What is most important for percussionists to be aware of is this – attendance at these camps is mandatory. Failure to attend or extended absences from these camps will be detrimental to the program and will affect your instrument placement going into the marching season. I have no flexibility with this, so please plan accordingly. Schedule your summer vacations around the above dates *now*, and please be mindful of these dates in the coming years. Generally, Percussion June and July camps happen near the last week of the month, and summer band takes up the entire month of August. Plan ahead!

What I Need From You:

1. If you could please send me an email (steven.partida@nisd.net) stating your child's full name, what Band they are in, and what middle school they currently attend. Even if they do not wish to be a Drumline member, but would rather be in the Front Ensemble instead, I need this basic info to get everyone organized.

Questions?

Please don't hesitate to ask me any questions that you may have about this whole process. I can't stress enough the value of communication – you are not being a bother in any way! You are brand new to this beast we call high school band, and I am here to answer all of your most pressing questions and provide any information that I can.

I look forward to meeting you and your child, and I am incredibly excited about the opportunity as we embark on the quest for a greater musicianship and the enjoyment of music. Let's Go Hawks!