



On Saturday, October 26th Urbandale High School had 19 students audition for the Iowa Instrumental All-State Festival. Statewide over 1000 instrumental student-musicians audition and approximately 17% of the candidates are selected to participate in the All-State Music Festival in Ames, Iowa on November 21-23, 2024. It is the highest individual honor a student can receive from the Iowa High School Music Association.

Urbandale students who audition for the Iowa Instrumental All-State undertake a rigorous process of weekly mock auditions, they study with teachers both in and out of school, and they devote many hours to individual practice time. The following 19 Urbandale students are to be commended for their dedicated efforts and outstanding contributions to the Instrumental Music Department.

The performance will be broadcast on Iowa Public Television Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 28, 2024) evening and Sunday afternoon, December 1, 2024.

Student Auditionees:

Grant Alderman, Camden Bennett, Riley Black, Oscar Dix, Ian Gage, Henry Hofpar, Aiden Leiran, Parker Leiran, Caleb Little, Rhys Little, Lucas Margadant, Ailie McLaren, Asa Leonard-Newton, Sophia Reece, Keaton Slack, Keira VanderLeest, Joe Versteeg, Matilda Ware, and Harper Williams

Band Accepted:

Oscar Dix, 11th grade, bassoon, 3rd year
Aiden Leiran, 11th grade, French horn, 3rd year
Parker Leiran, 10th grade, euphonium, 2nd year

Alternates:

Caleb Little, 12th grade, flute, 1st year
Rhys Little, 12th grade, oboe, 1st year
Sophia Reece, 12th grade, tenor saxophone, 1st year
Keira VanderLeest, 12th grade, bass clarinet, 1st year

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