

Last Saturday, hundreds of music students gathered in Fairfield to audition for the South East Iowa Bandmaster's Association (SEIBA) Honor Band. From the Washington School District: 15 Middle School (MS) students & 6 High School (HS) students arrived at 9am for the auditions. Acceptance into the SEIBA honor Band is by audition only. Auditions consisted of an intense 5-10 minute audition of high level music material and scales which they have been preparing for months. Posted on the gym wall, students found out if they had been accepted or recalled for a 2nd audition. Names of accepted students (hand written) on large sheets of paper were posted on the wall. In many cases, the students would first see their name listed for a recall audition which is usually between 12- 1pm. At this point the students listed went back to their appointed center for a 2nd audition. The final listing could be posted as early at 11am or as late as 3:30pm. There are no school size classifications: Iowa City, Quad Cities, Keokuk, Ottumwa, Oskaloosa, etc. All SE Iowa schools (1A, 2A, 3A & 4A) are included and the competition is very tough.



From the Washington School District: (4) MS & (2) HS students (pictured) were accepted into the SEIBA Honor Band. MS Students earning SEIBA Honors include: Gwen F- Oboe, Rio L- Bassoon, Olivia P- Trumpet & Rose T- Trombone. HS Students earning SEIBA Honors include: Adam T- French Horn & Erik M- Trumpet. To be recalled for 2nd audition is also an honor. Those who earned recall auditions, but were not selected were: Ellie T- trumpet (MS), Addison M- Flute (HS), Quinn B- Clarinet (HS) & Meredith R- Trombone (HS). The SEIBA Honor Band Festival will be held January 24th at West High School in Iowa City. Accepted SEIBA Honor Band members will rehearse that day and perform that night. The MS Concert starts at 5:00pm and the HS Concert starts at 6:00pm. Tickets are available at the door. Congratulations!



