

WMS Band Walkaways!

There are four kinds of walk-aways that students participate in at Willowcreek Middle School Band. Check out below to see the kinds of testing your student will be doing this year!

Smartmusic

Students play into a computer microphone, which provides instant feedback on correct notes and rhythms. Green notes are correct notes...red notes are incorrect notes. Watch on the projector as students work on their scales!



Earmaster

Earmaster is a rhythm based assessment tool. Students are presented with a rhythm and have to use the space bar to perform the rhythm. Since it is a walkaway, students need to achieve 80% or higher in order to pass. The Earmaster program is on the computers in the practice rooms. If you go in there, you might see some students working on their test right now!

Written Tests

Mr. Lemen's written tests are located on UCUTIPS. You can access the test by going to the WMS web site, clicking on "Faculty" and clicking on Mr. Lemen's name. The tests are designed to make sure students know the basic information that is necessary to be a proficient performer. There are laptops around the room that students may be using to take these tests!

Practice

One of the key elements of being a musician is practice. Needless to say, if a student does not practice, their chances of excelling in music are very slim. At Willowcreek Middle School, students are required to practice. They turn in a practice card each week indicating how much they practiced that week. Beginning classes are required to practice 1 hour a week, and 8-9th grade classes are required 2 hours a week. The students that are playing right now are allowed to count this time as practice time!