



VIRTUAL CLINICS

MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS (GRADES 6-12) - WINTER 2026

“The President’s Own” United States Marine Band will offer virtual clinics for high school and middle school music programs Feb. 2-27, 2026. Music educators can sign up beginning at noon (EST), Jan. 12, 2026, for a Marine musician to meet with their class. Clinic availability is limited. One request per educator, please.

Sign up: www.marineband.marines.mil/Educational/Music-in-the-Schools/

CLINIC TOPICS

1. Meet a Member for Band (Middle School)
2. Practice Techniques for Middle School Musicians (Middle School)
3. Technical Mastery Through Creative Scales Practice (Middle School)
4. Fundamentals on the Clarinet (Middle School)
5. Meet a Member for Band (High School)
6. Practice Techniques for High School Musicians (High School)
7. Performance Preparation for Band (High School)
8. Mindset Matters (High School)
9. Technical Mastery Through Creative Scales Practice (High School)
10. Fundamentals on the Clarinet (High School)
11. Jazz Band: Methods and Techniques for Improvisation (High School)
12. Audition Preparation for String Players (High School)

CLINIC DESCRIPTIONS

- **Meet a Member for Band (Middle School):** “Meet a Member” sessions allow students to connect with a musician in the Marine Band. The musician will share their unique journey, from beginning music student to playing in “The President’s Own,” give insight into the experience of being part of the Marine Band and answer questions from students.
- **Practice Techniques for Middle School Musicians (Middle School):** We’ve all heard that practice makes perfect, but what makes perfect practice? This clinic will give your students inspiration and practical tips to take their playing to the next level.
- **Technical Mastery Through Creative Scales Practice (Middle School):** Do your students find practicing scales boring or stale? A thorough knowledge of scales, paired with the ability to execute them in every imaginable way on one’s instrument, is key to being able to play any style of music. This clinic offers fresh new ways to approach scale practice for any instrumental ensemble.
- **Fundamentals on the Clarinet (Middle School):** Instruction on developing ideal embouchure, tone, tongue position, finger technique and use of air on the clarinet. Please have all students bring their clarinets to the session.
- **Meet a Member for Band (High School):** “Meet a Member” sessions allow students to connect with a musician in the Marine Band. The musician will share their unique journey, from beginning music student to playing in “The President’s Own,” give insight into the experience of being part of the Marine Band and answer questions from students.
- **Practice Techniques for High School Musicians (High School):** We’ve all heard that practice makes perfect, but what makes perfect practice? This clinic will give your students inspiration and practical tips to take their playing to the next level.
- **Performance Preparation for Band (High School):** The performance experience does not have to be stressful. Advice and strategies provided during this class will help prepare students for all the knowns and unknowns of a performance or audition at any level. Students will learn ways to minimize and control nerves, build confidence, improve consistency and grow from every performance.
- **Mindset Matters (High School):** In this clinic, we will explore the mental tools to help navigate the triumphs and obstacles that are a part of everyone’s musical and life journey. It will also cover some practical, actionable steps that can help us consistently access these tools and propel us to maximize the impact we have on ourselves and those around us.
- **Technical Mastery Through Creative Scales Practice (High School):** Do your students find practicing scales boring or stale? A thorough knowledge of scales, paired with the ability to execute them in every imaginable way on one’s instrument, is the key to being able to play any style of music. This clinic offers fresh new ways to approach scale practice for any high school instrumental ensemble.
- **Fundamentals on the Clarinet (High School):** Instruction on developing ideal embouchure, tone, tongue position, finger technique and use of air on the clarinet. Please have all students bring their clarinets to the session.
- **Jazz Band: Methods and Techniques for Improvisation (High School):** This clinic will break down the methods and techniques used by masters of the jazz language so students can better understand how to develop their jazz improvisational language, as well as how to practice to take their improvisation to the next level.
- **Audition Preparation for String Players (High School):** The audition experience does not have to be stressful. Advice and strategies provided during this clinic will help prepare students for all the knowns and unknowns of an audition at any level. Students will learn ways to minimize and control nerves, build confidence, improve consistency and grow from every audition experience.