

# VBODA District V | 2021 Virtual All-District Honor Band

## RECORDING INSTRUCTIONS

### GENERAL POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Record your videos in LANDSCAPE mode (longways)
- Wear a school or band shirt from your school if possible
- Be centered on screen, showing a majority of you and your instrument. We can always crop or zoom in when video editing, but we can't zoom out.
- Be aware of your surroundings and that the background will be on a public performance video.
  - Choose a solid wall that you don't blend in with (don't wear a white shirt with a white wall!)
  - Anything in the background will be in the video. Clean up your area
  - Sit up straight, in a sturdy chair
  - Is there a ceiling fan in the video? Turn it off if so
- Make sure there is good lighting. Turn on lights, open the shades, etc. It's best to film with a light source in front of you. A window works really well during daylight. Please do not take videos in dark rooms or "backlit" (where a light behind you is so strong we can't see your face)
- Be sure to playback your video to check that everything recorded ok. If it didn't and you can't figure out why, please email Charlie Nesmith at [charlienesmith@me.com](mailto:charlienesmith@me.com)
- Please record with the play-along youtube track playing in headphones/earbuds. YOU MUST WEAR HEADPHONES/EARBUDS or we can not use your video. Be aware that "gamer" headsets often have mics that cancel out noise and can make your instrument sound weird as a result. Listen to your own recording and make sure your audio is recorded correctly.
- Please make sure you're playing along with the youtube track with the conductor that Mr. Nesmith has put together. DO NOT record your final video playing along to the smart music recording. You will not line up with everyone else and your video will need to be redone.

### HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR VIDEO

#### Option 1: Cellphones and Dropbox (best quality)

1. Set up your phone on a tripod or other stable surface. If someone is holding it, they need to keep REALLY STILL.
2. Make sure you're in landscape orientation
3. Using a separate phone/tablet/computer, plug in your headphones/earbuds and open the youtube backing track
  - a. Symphonic Band Passages: <https://youtu.be/QbuAmHElgo4>
  - b. Symphonic Band Chorale: <https://youtu.be/tYE1TNlEYeM>
  - c. Concert Band: <https://youtu.be/gIKuw3x5aM8>
  - d. Middle School Band: <https://youtu.be/EtRAh3nqQK8>
4. **If you can't access youtube**, you can stream the videos here: <https://shelburneband.com/district-v-recordings/>
5. Press play on the youtube backing track and press record on your cell phone
6. Play along with the backing track.
7. When you're done click one of the following links using your cellphone to upload your video to dropbox.
  - a. Symphonic Band Passages: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/I7PqIGNgrvTxLo9S7x6N>
  - b. Symphonic Band Chorale: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/n8b5LAprGlhgJmOkXuRA>
  - c. Concert Band: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/FhMj1zZSgHjAN2f5WstF>
  - d. Middle School Band: <https://www.dropbox.com/request/xld1sxGoAnbqLV10Tz7g>

#### Option 2: Laptop/Chromebook with flipgrid (ok quality)

1. Setup your laptop in a position where your whole upper body is visible. It's helpful to have the music printed out on paper or open on a different computer than the one you're recording with.
2. Open this flipgrid link
  - a. Symphonic Band Passages: <https://flipgrid.com/fc5ffa9e>
  - b. Symphonic Band Chorale: <https://flipgrid.com/5ca5d602>
  - c. Concert Band: <https://flipgrid.com/75a27d4d>
  - d. Middle School Band: <https://flipgrid.com/bd743771>
3. Plug in your headphones/earbuds and open the youtube backing track in a separate tab
  - a. Symphonic Band Passages: <https://youtu.be/QbuAmHElgo4>
  - b. Symphonic Band Chorale: <https://youtu.be/tYE1TNlEYeM>
  - c. Concert Band: <https://youtu.be/gIKuw3x5aM8>
  - d. Middle School Band: <https://youtu.be/EtRAh3nqQK8>
4. **If you can't access youtube**, you can stream the videos here: <https://shelburneband.com/district-v-recordings/>
5. Click record on the flipgrid assignment tab, then switch to the youtube tab and press play on the backing track.
6. Play along with the backing track.
7. Submit the final video in the flipgrid tab.