



George C. Marshall High School Orchestras

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Audition Information for **current** GCM Orchestra Members

We hope you will continue to be a part of the GCM Orchestra program! As you know, the GCM Orchestra program has a lot to offer! Here are some of the things we do over the course of the school year:

- Fall, Winter, and Spring Concerts;
- District Assessment Pre-View Concert and District Performance Assessment event;
- Performing in the community and at school events;
- Annual Spring Trip and other enhancement opportunities;
- Social activities including laser tag, pizza parties, and more!



Orchestra courses available for students grades 9-12 for 2019-2020:

Symphonic Orchestra – Intermediate Orchestra

(Prerequisite: successful audition and/ or permission of the director.)

- Students continue to develop ensemble and individual skills;
- Performs music at a VBODA level 3-4;
- Participation/auditioning for events such as Districts, etc. may be required;
- Afterschool rehearsals and performances are a required part of this course.

Philharmonic Orchestra – Advanced Orchestra

(Prerequisite: successful audition and/ or permission of the director)

- Performs at a VBODA level 5+;
- Afterschool rehearsals and performances are a required part of this course;
- Audition/Participation in outside events such as SRO, Districts, etc. required;

Orchestra course available for students grades 10-12:

Statesmen Sinfonia – Advanced Orchestra

(Prerequisite: successful audition and permission of the director; one year in Symphonic or Philharmonic Orchestra)

- Performs at a VBODA level 6+ and professional level literature;
- Highly recommended that members study privately and/ or participate in youth orchestras and summer orchestra camps;
- Afterschool rehearsals and performances are a required part of this course;
- Audition/Participation in outside events such as SRO, Districts, etc. are required;
- Premiere performing ensemble of the GCM Orchestra Program.

GCM Orchestra Auditions for 2019-2020 School Year

If you would like to join the GCM orchestras, all you have to do is put orchestra as your first choice on your course selection sheet. (If you have already selected a different elective and would like to switch into orchestra, it's not too late! Just contact your counselor and request the change, and let Mrs. Bond know if you need any assistance.)

Students have already discussed placement for next year with Mrs. Bond during this year's "mini-conferences". Students who wish to try for a different ensemble, or students who are not currently enrolled in orchestra, will need to prepare and sign up for an audition via the Sign-Up Genius link on the website. Auditions will take place in May, and all auditions must be completed by May 17, 2019.



Audition Requirements

Symphonic:

- 3 District Scales* with bowings - C, G, and D major at quarter note = 120
- Solo or excerpt from your school literature that shows off your strongest playing ability (your choice) **be sure you bring the sheet music to your audition, even if you have it memorized*
- You may be asked to sight read

Philharmonic:

- All District Scales* with bowings (major and melodic minor) at quarter note = 120
- Solo or excerpt from your school literature that shows off your strongest playing ability (your choice) *(be sure to bring the sheet music to your audition, even if you have it memorized)*
- Excerpt* - marked section(s) from "Symphony No. 25" by Mozart/LaJoie
- You may be asked to sight read

Statesmen Sinfonia:

- Three octave C, G, D Major scales (2 octave for bass); your choice of bowings/tempo
- All District Scales* with bowings (major and melodic minor) at quarter note = 120
- Solo that shows off your strongest playing ability *(be sure to bring the sheet music even if you have it memorized)*
- Excerpts – prepare BOTH the Philharmonic excerpt* (marked sections of "Symphony No. 25 by Mozart/LaJoie) AND prepare one of the 2019 SRO audition excerpts* (your choice)
- You may be asked to sight read

*materials can be found on the website www.gcmorchestra.org

We look forward to another fantastic year in the GCM Orchestras! Please contact Mrs. Bond with any questions.