



George C. Marshall High School Orchestras

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Audition Information for **current** GCM Orchestra Members, and incoming students, grades 10-12

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 pizza parties and more!



Orchestra courses available for 2020-2021:

Intermediate Orchestra (Grades 9-12)

(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;
- Audition/Participation in events such as Districts, etc. may be required;
- Afterschool rehearsals and performances are a required part of this course.

Advanced Orchestra 1 (Grades 9-12)

(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 events such as SRO, Districts, etc. may be required;

Advanced Orchestra 2 (Statesmen Sinfonia; grades 10-12)

(Prerequisite: successful audition and permission of the director; one year experience in Intermediate or Advanced 1.)

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

GCM Orchestra Auditions for 2020-2021 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. Ratner or Mrs. Bond know if you need any assistance.)

Students have already discussed placement for next year with Mrs. Ratner 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 submit an audition video via Google Classroom, "2020/2021 Auditions for GCM Orchestra, Grades 10-12"

Code: xu7w227

Auditions are due by April 24, 2020.

Please make sure that you download to google drive BEFORE uploading your video.

Video needs to show a good view of yourself, both hands and instrument. Sound only recording will not be accepted.

Check you receive a confirmation email that your video was received – if you don't hear back within a week of submitting, please contact me!

Please write which orchestra you are auditioning for on your video submission title.



Audition Requirements

Intermediate:

- 3 District Scales* with bowings. Choose 2 of the following: 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)

Advanced 1:

- All District Scales* with bowings at quarter note = 120. Perform A melodic minor, and one of the following major scales: C, G and D. You may also choose to do some scales 3 octaves (2 octaves for bass)
- Solo you are working on or excerpt (*approximately 2 minutes*) from your school literature that shows off your strongest playing ability (your choice)

Advanced 2/Statesmen Sinfonia:

- Three octave scales (2 octaves for bass): 2 major and 1 melodic minor, your choice of bowings/tempo
- Solo (if available) that shows off your strongest playing ability (*approximately 2 minutes in length*)
- Excerpt of your choice from your orchestra music (*approximately 1-2 minutes*)

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

In this uncertain time, during the Covid-19 outbreak, please let me know if you are having issues with your audition and we will find another way to accommodate you!

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