



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 (we are slated for Disney in 2022!!!) and other enhancement opportunities;
- Social activities, pizza parties, and more!



Orchestra courses available for students grades 9-12 for 2021-2022:

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

- Performs music at a VBODA level 3+;
- Afterschool rehearsals and performances are a required part of this course.

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

- Performs music at a VBODA level 4+;
- Participation/auditioning for events such as Districts, etc. may be required;
- Afterschool rehearsals and performances are a required part of this course.

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

- Performs music at a VBODA level 4+;
- Participation/auditioning for events such as Districts, etc. may be required;
- Afterschool rehearsals and performances are a required part of this course.

Orchestra course available for students grades 10-12:

Statesmen Sinfonia – (*Prerequisite: successful audition and permission of the director; one year in one of the above ensembles*)

- 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 2021-2022 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!

We will be discussing your goals and plans for next year in “mini-conferences”. Students who wish to try for a different ensemble, students enrolled in Statesmen Sinfonia, or students who are not currently enrolled in orchestra, will need to prepare an audition. Auditions will be held in April/May.



Audition Requirements

Philharmonic:

- 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

Capriccio:

- 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* - TBA
- You may be asked to sight read

Statesmen Sinfonia: *(all current Sinfonia members will be required to re-audition to maintain placement)*

- 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)*
- Excerpt* - TBA
- 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.