



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 2023!) and other enhancement opportunities;
- Social activities, pizza parties, and more!



Orchestra courses available for students grades 9-12 for 2022-2023:

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

- Performs music at a VBODA level 2-3+;
- 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 3-4+;
- 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 4-5+;
- 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 5-6+ 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 2022-2023 School Year

Students only need to audition if they would like to try to move up an ensemble. Auditions will be held during class the week of April 25-29. Students who are not currently enrolled in an orchestra at GCM, but plan to join next year will need to make an appointment to audition for Mrs. Bond during LEARN or after school that week.



Audition Requirements

To move into 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 from *Clinch Mountain Backstep** (see sheet for specific sections)
- You may be asked to sight read

To move into 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)*
- SRO Excerpt from 2022 audition excerpts* (choose one)
- 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.*