



George C. Marshall High School Orchestras

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Audition Information for *Rising 9th Graders:*

We hope you will be a part of the GCM Orchestra program! 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 planning for Disney in 2023!) and other enhancement opportunities;
- Social activities, pizza parties, and more!



Orchestra ensembles available for students in grade 9 for 2022-2023:

Symphonic Orchestra (*Prerequisite: recommendation of current orchestra 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 recommendation from current orchestra 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.

GCM Orchestra Auditions for 2022-2023 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. Students who wish to be considered for the Advanced 9th grade orchestra, Capriccio, must complete an audition. Auditions for rising 9th graders will take place in May 2022.

Kilmer orchestra students will audition at Kilmer during selection class periods during the week of May 9-13.

Thoreau, Jackson, or any other students coming to Marshall Orchestra next year should contact Mrs. Bond at cabond@fcps.edu to schedule their audition.

Audition Requirements

Symphonic:

No audition required for 2022-23. Recommendation from current orchestra director can suffice as placement.

Philharmonic:

No audition required for 2022-23. Recommendation from current orchestra director can suffice as placement.

Capriccio: (*Advanced Orchestra*)

- C, G and D Major District Scales* with bowings at quarter note = 120
- 2 minute excerpt from a solo or your school literature that shows off your strongest playing ability (your choice, please bring your sheet music to your audition!)
- Excerpt from *Clinch Mountain Backstep** (see sheet for specific section)

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

*We look forward to a fantastic year in the GCM Orchestras!
Please contact Mrs. Bond at cabond@fcps.edu with any questions.*