



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



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

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 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! Auditions for rising 9th graders will be done via VIDEO submission. Please record your audition and share it with Mrs. Bond at cabond@fcpsschools.net by April 30, 2021.

In your video, please be sure that both your right and left arms/hands are in view, and state your FIRST AND LAST name clearly at the start. Please record the full audition in one video – scales, then solo, then excerpt.

Audition Requirements

Symphonic:

No audition required for 2021-22. Recommendation from current orchestra director can suffice as placement.

Philharmonic:

No audition required for 2021-22. Recommendation from current orchestra director can suffice as placement.

Capriccio:

- C, G and D Major District Scales* with bowings at quarter note = 120
- 1 minute Solo or excerpt from your school literature that shows off your strongest playing ability (your choice)
- Excerpt from Sanseneon*:
 - Violin 1: beg-20 AND 93-108
 - Viola: 37-52 AND 151-end
 - Cello and Bass: 5-52

*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@fcpsschools.net with any questions.*