



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 just went to Orlando in January 2023!) and other enhancement opportunities;
- Social activities, pizza parties, and more!



Orchestra ensembles available for students in grade 9 for 2023-2024:

Philharmonic Orchestra (*Prerequisite: 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 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 Placement Auditions for 2023-2024 School Year

There is no audition required to join the GCM Orchestra, all you have to do is sign up! However, students who wish to be considered for the Advanced 9th grade orchestra, Capriccio, must complete a placement audition.

Auditions will be held in April. All auditions must be completed by April 14, 2023. Please visit the orchestra website www.gcmorchestra.org or scan this QR code for the link to sign up for an audition appointment:



Audition Requirements

Philharmonic:

No audition required. Recommendation from current orchestra director sufficient as placement.

Capriccio: (Advanced Orchestra)

- C, G and D Major District Scales* with bowings at quarter note = 120. *Scale sheets can be found on the orchestra website www.gcmorchestra.org if you need them!*
- Your choice of a short excerpt (approximately 2 minutes) that shows off your strongest playing ability. Music can be a solo you have prepared with a private teacher, your Solo and Ensemble piece, or a selection from your orchestra music (Assessment or Spring Concert music.) *Please bring your sheet music to your audition, even if you have it memorized!*
- You may be asked to sight read a short excerpt in the audition.

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



WHY ORCHESTRA?

- *It teaches the habit of excellence*
- *It provides fun, enriching experiences*
- *It fosters and develops quick, decisive thinking*
- *It enhances cooperation & builds teamwork skills*
- *It prepares you for the future but also helps you find the beauty in every day!*