

Orchestra (Middle School and High School)

Instructor: Ms. Erica Hefner

Audition Length : 10 minutes

Students will be assessed on tone quality, rhythm, intonation/pitch, technique, accuracy, musicianship/interpretation, artistic practice, audition preparation, engagement, and professionalism.

Middle School - Violin, Viola, Cello & Bass

6th grade Orchestra:

- Clap rhythm examples using whole, half, and quarter notes, and rests.
- Name notes on the treble OR bass clef staff.
- 1 octave D major scale, played arco (bow)
- 1 solo work that demonstrates technical and musical ability.
- Interview to discuss instruments and section availability.

7th grade and 8th grade Orchestra:

- 1 octave, C, G, and D major scales
- Clap rhythm examples using whole, half, and quarter notes, and rests
- Name notes on treble, bass, or alto clef based on the instrument played
- 1 solo work that demonstrates technical and musical ability
- Sight-reading selections

High School - Violin, Viola, Cello & Bass

9th and 10 grade:

- 2 octave C, G & D major scales and arpeggios
- 1 octave melodic minor scale and arpeggio of the student's choice
- Required audition excerpt for your instrument (see reference documents online)
- 1 additional solo work of the student's choice that demonstrates technical and musical ability
- Sight-reading selections

11th and 12th grade:

- Major Scales
 - Violin:**
 - 3 octave G and A major scales and arpeggios
 - Viola/Cello:**
 - 3 octave C and D major scales and arpeggios
 - Bass:**
 - 2 octave G and A major scales and arpeggios
- 3-octave melodic minor scale and arpeggio of the student's choice (2 octaves for bass)
- Required audition excerpt for your instrument (see reference documents online)
- 1 additional solo work of the student's choice that demonstrates technical and musical ability
- Sight-reading selections