

TWHS ORCHESTRA 2023-2024 Audition Information

For Rising 9th Graders

Next year freshmen will be able to audition for 3 out of our 5 groups at TWHS. Freshmen will be able to be in Philharmonic (our Freshmen Group), Symphony, or Chamber (our top group). Scheduling reasons prevent freshmen from being in our other 2 groups.

Placement Auditions will be held at TWHS Senior Campus (6101 Research Forest Drive) in the orchestra room ON Saturday April 22nd, 2023, from 8:30 AM to 6 PM. A link to sign up for times will be sent to you through via email, but you can also scan this qr code or use this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A44ADA828A31-20232024>



This is a cumulative audition process, meaning that for each level you audition for, you must play that material AND all the material below it. For example, if you try out for Chamber, you will play all the material in the packet.

Please email Mr. Michaelson (amichaelson@conroeisd.net) with any questions you may have.

Audition Material: Follow all Marked Fingerings, Bowings, and Tempos. Please pay close attention to position markings.

Freshman Group

- 2 Octave Eb, Bb, F & A Major Scales (fingerings can be found in your green book)
- Benchmark Piece

Symphony Orchestra

- Freshmen Group Audition Material
- C, D, G 3 Octave Scales (fingerings are in the packet)
- 2 Symphony Level Orchestral Excerpts
- Sight Reading

Chamber Orchestra

- Freshman Group Audition
- Symphony Audition
- 3 Oct A Major and F# Melodic Minor Scales (fingerings are in the packet)
- 3 Chamber Level Orchestral Excerpts
- Chamber Level Sight Reading

TWHS Orchestra Frequently Asked Questions

- **Can I do Sports, Choir, Theater, Art, JROTC, Robotics, FFA, or another Club and Orchestra?** Yes, it is possible to do Orchestra and another activity all 4 years of HS. HOWEVER, it does require the student to have good time management and communication skills. Also, it is NOT possible to be in the varsity or highest level of several programs here at TWHS, as all the groups are so competitive.
- **Where does Orchestra Class happen, I heard something about a bus?** All Orchestra classes happen at the Senior Campus. Orchestra students will shuttle between the two schools. If you are in our Freshmen Group, you will start your day on GREEN days at the Senior Campus, and then be sent to the 9th grade campus at the end of 5th period. If you are in Symphony, you will take a shuttle to the Senior Campus at the start of 4th period on RED DAYS, and then go home from the Senior Campus. If you are in Chamber, you will shuttle over during A lunch, and then shuttle back to the 9th Grade Campus at the end of 3rd and 7th Period.
- **How Often do Orchestra Classes Meet?** Classes meet every other day for 90 minutes just like they do at MCC, the only difference is that Chamber Orchestra meets every day.
- **What are the After School Requirements for Orchestra?** Symphony Orchestra has 2 45 minute rehearsals a week (1 sectional, 1 full rehearsal). Our freshmen Orchestra only meets a few times a year after school for dress rehearsals before a concert. Chamber Orchestra has no weekly scheduled after school rehearsals, but does have a myriad of events that they must attend throughout the year.
- **I Heard Something About a Mariachi Group?** TWHS Orchestra does have an a Mariachi ensemble, called Rojo e Verde Mariachi that orchestra students can join. It rehearses on Friday afternoons.
- **Does the Orchestra Go on Trips?** TWHS Orchestra has a very active travel schedule. We go on many field trips to the various musical groups/events in the Houston area throughout the year, and we will also be going on an out of state spring trip next year, most likely to New York City or Orlando.
- **How do I know which group to sign up for on my course selection sheet?** Just make sure you sign up for an orchestra, and the directors will make sure you are placed in the correct group.

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