



McNeil High School Orchestra Audition Packet

Welcome McNeil High School Orchestra Member! We are so excited to have you join us in orchestra for the 2024-2025 school year!

This is your official audition packet!

Audition Requirements

Violin, Viola, Cello Audition Information:

Prepare the auditions on pages 1 and 2.

For consideration into the Symphony Orchestra, you must continue to page 3 for the extended audition material.

String Bass Audition Information:

All basses will prepare their audition packet.

Harp Audition Information:

All harpists will prepare a piece of solo or orchestral repertoire that best showcases your strengths.

Please adhere to the bowings, fingerings, dynamics, style, and tempo markings to the best of your ability

Video Audition Instructions

Instead of doing a live audition, all auditions will be submitted by video audition. All students wishing to audition for the McNeil High School Orchestra will submit a Google Form.

Please read the following instructions thoroughly.

1. Your video must be one continuous video with no splicing or editing between selections. Any auditions that seem to be edited in any way or submit multiple files will be placed into an orchestra at the director's discretion. However, you may splice the introduction into your final video if you forget.
2. Each video audition will have an introduction.
 - a. You will say the following: "My name is _____, my student ID number is _____, I play the _____, and I will be performing the (Standard or Extended) audition.
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1. Please perform your music in order from page 1 to the end. You will start your video with your introduction and proceed to your music selections.
2. You may not use a metronome in your audition videos, however, you may check your tempos between excerpts. When done checking tempo, you must place your metronome on the floor or out of site.
3. When checking tempo, please make sure you do not take an extended break between videos as we will be listening to all current members plus 8th grade members.
4. After you have downloaded and finished your video, please rename the file with your Audition Type, Instrument, First Name, and Last Name. Please use the examples below as a reference.
 - Standard_Viola_Jane_Maverick.mp4
 - Extended_Viola_John_Maverick.mov
5. Since this file is large, please make sure you save it on a computer just in case your original audition is lost.
6. For the video angle, you must be all in the frame to look at posture and technique
 - For Violins and Violas, we should be able to see from the top of your head to your waist, and the full extension of the bow arm from frog to tip. Please set up your angle so your music stand does not block the view of your technique.
 - For cellos, basses, and harp, we need to see from the top of your scroll to below your bridge, and full extension of the bow arm from frog to tip. Please set up your angle so your music stand does not block the view of your technique.
 - Please do a few test runs on video angles before recording the final auditions.
7. The video audition deadline is Saturday, April 6, 2024 by 11:59PM. Late submissions may not be listened to at the discretion of the director.
 - Keep in mind, if you have internet or WiFi problems at home, submit your video a few days early.
 - If you have any trouble uploading the video through the Google Form, email it directly to Mr. Anderson at Justin_Anderson@roundrockisd.org
8. Check your email every day following the audition deadline. If there is a problem with your audition video, we will want to get that resolved as soon as possible.
9. Audition results will not be available until closer to the beginning of May 2024.
10. If you have any questions regarding the audition process, please email Mr. Anderson. Due to high amounts of incoming emails, please be patient with email responses.

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