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Audition Packet for Incoming 9th Graders

1- String Orchestra

Level one is for the typical student who needs to continue learning skills at the normal pace. In this class we work on intonation in multiple keys, shifting and reading in III position (extensions III, IV positions for cello) and foundations of vibrato. Students have a working knowledge of correct right and left hand shape and are working to refine their posture and technique.

2- Concert Orchestra

Level two is for the student who is currently working at a higher level than most in his or her grade. In this class we work in higher positions and more complex key signatures. Students at this level need to already be comfortable in III position for violins and violas with a fundamental understanding of II, III, and V position. These students have a relaxed left hand position with a polished vibrato and flexibility in right wrist and fingers allowing for more advanced bow techniques such as spiccato and legato.

3- Advanced Symphonic Orchestra

Level three is for the advanced musician, typically someone who is or will be in CKYO's top two orchestras. In this orchestra we read in all positions and in all keys. These students display the versatility in left and right hand technique needed to perform many styles of music with a developing musical sensitivity. After school rehearsals and sections will be required

4- Advanced Chamber Orchestra

Level four is for the VERY advanced student with fluid technique and mastery of all keys and positions. These students are looking to express and enhance their musicality through chamber rehearsal and performance. These students have an established practice routine allowing for in class rehearsal, not individual practice. Most of these students are All-State level musicians who take private lessons. After school rehearsal and sectionals will be required.



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From Google Classroom, upload the PDF of the appropriate audition for your instrument and the orchestra level. Both Level 1 and 2 (String and Concert Orchestra) will use the Standard Audition Etude and Scales. You may also contact Mr. Kent at phil.kent@fayette.kyschools.us to schedule an in-person audition if you prefer.



class code: [cx9iw2](#)

February 1 **Distribution of Audition Excerpts in Google Classroom**

March 1 **Level 1- String Orchestra and Level 2- Concert Orchestra Auditions Due**

To audition for this, you must play the Standard Audition Etude and scales in order to be placed in either String or Concert Orchestra. The audition material is the same for both Level 1 and 2.

March 29 **Level 3- Advanced Symphonic Orchestra Auditions Due**

To audition for this, you must play the Level 2 Etude AND Level 3 audition material. For this you will need to play the 2 octave scales and excerpt.

March 29 **Level 4- Advanced Chamber Orchestra Auditions Due**

To audition for this, you must play the level 3 AND the level 4 audition material. For this you will need to play the 3 octave scales (2 octave for basses), an excerpt, and a solo of your choice. **You must play a solo of your choice.**

May 10 **LHSO Spring Concert**

Singletary Center for the Arts @ 7:00 pm

July 22-25 **Freshman Camp**

9:00 am - noon each day

Thursday, July 25, 5:30 Concert

Online registration is open at www.lafayetteorchestra.org