



**Office of Academics  
Arts Education  
Fall 2023**

Dear Parents/Guardians of Seventh & Eighth Grade Students,

Your child is encouraged by their instrumental music teacher to audition for the Honors Orchestra. This group is for the most able instrumental students in Arlington Public Schools. **Former members of the Honors Orchestra are required to re-audition each year.** The director of the Honors Orchestra is Laura Wallace and the Honors Orchestra Manager is Lexie Rowland.

Auditions will be held on **Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington, VA 22204**

- Check in for all students begins 15 minutes before your assigned audition slot. Registration times will be selected on the online registration form
- Audition slots are scheduled between 5:00 - 7:30 PM. There are extra time slots for violins between 4:00 - 5:00 PM.
- Students are free to leave once their audition is over
- All students will be notified of the results within two weeks

Students should prepare the audition music for his/her instrument ahead of time. The auditions will be blind - the student will not be seen by the adjudicators. Please register only if you intend to audition for the ensemble and participate in the event if selected.

- To register for the Gr. 7 & 8 Honors Orchestra, go to: <https://forms.gle/3zmwCpqq5wcWdJhP7> or <https://bit.ly/23-24HORegistration>
- Honors Orchestra Site: <https://bit.ly/APSHonorsMusic> or <https://www.apsva.us/curriculum/arts-education/honors-music-band-chorus-orchestra/>

Computer registration ensures accuracy in data collection and helps us run the auditions more efficiently. Additionally, you are able to secure a specific audition time slot. If you are unable to complete the online registration prior to the event, computers will be available on site the day of the audition. No students will be disqualified from auditioning if they do not register in advance.

**Rehearsal and Concert Schedule - Attendance at all rehearsals are required**

- Rehearsal, Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, **Orchestra 5:45-8:15 PM, Kenmore MS**
- Rehearsal, Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024, **Orchestra 5:45-8:15 PM, Kenmore MS**
- Rehearsal, Friday, Jan. 26, 2024, **Orchestra 5:45-8:45 PM, Kenmore MS**
- Dress Rehearsals, Saturday, Jan. 27, **Orchestra 12:30-2:00 PM, Kenmore MS**
  - In the event of a snow day, dress rehearsals on Saturday, January 27, may be lengthened.
- **Concert, Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024, 4:00 PM, Kenmore Middle School**
  - Snow Date Concert: Monday, January 29, 2024, 7:00 PM, Kenmore MS

Questions? Please contact your student's instrumental music teacher or Chris Monroy at [christopher.monroy@apsva.us](mailto:christopher.monroy@apsva.us), 703-228-6299.

Sincerely,  
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Arts Education

Christopher Monroy,  
Honors Music Program Coordinator

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