



**Office of Academics
Arts Education
Fall 2023**

Dear Parents/Guardians of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Grade Instrumental Students,

Your child is encouraged by his/her instrumental music teacher to audition for the **Junior Honors Orchestra**. This group is for the most able instrumental students in Arlington Public Schools. 4th, 5th and 6th graders, playing violin, viola, cello and string bass, are invited to audition. This year's director is Kristin Gomez, and the manager is Michelle Shine. **Former members of the Junior Honors Orchestra are required to re-audition each year.**

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.** Early auditions are available for **Violins Only** from **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 by email

Students should prepare the audition music for his/her instrument ahead of time. Please note that the audition music doesn't have to be memorized. There will not be a sight reading requirement this year. Please register only if you intend to audition for the ensemble and participate in the program if you are selected.

Please go to <https://www.apsva.us/curriculum/arts-education/honors-music-band-chorus-orchestra/> or <https://bit.ly/APSHonorsMusic> and complete the online registration form or complete the online form here: <https://forms.gle/8RtW4AAV16Qdxf38> or <https://bit.ly/23-24JHOREgistration>. 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.

The following is important information about your child's participation in the Junior Honors Orchestra. If your child is selected, she or he will be expected to:

- **Attend rehearsals** - Tuesdays, 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM, January 16, - March 12, 2024, and dress rehearsal Monday, March 11, 7:00 - 8:15 PM at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd.
 - Monday, February 5 and Monday, February 26, 2024 - are snow make-up dates if needed.
- **Perform** in the Spring Concert at Kenmore Middle School, with the Junior Honors Band, Junior Honors Orchestra and Elementary Honors Chorus, on **Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 7:00 PM**
- **Wear concert dress** for performances: **white shirts and dark pants or skirts**
- Families are responsible for transportation to rehearsals and performances. You may wish to arrange carpools with families from your school or neighborhood.

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

Sincerely,

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Arts Education

Christopher Monroy
Honors Music Program Coordinator

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