



**Office of Academics
Arts Education
Fall 2024**

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 Band**. This group is for the most able instrumental students in Arlington Public Schools. 4th, 5th and 6th graders, playing brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments are invited to audition. This year's director is Gregory Stickeler, and the manager is Gina Koesterer. **Former members of the Junior Honors Band are required to re-audition each year.**

Auditions will be held **on Thursday, November 14, 2024, 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 closes at 7:15 PM. Registration times will be selected on the online registration form
- Audition slots are scheduled between 4:30 - 7:30 PM
- Percussionists must audition on both snare and a mallet instrument
- The auditions will be "blind" - the student will not be seen by the adjudicators
- 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. Please register only if you intend to audition for the ensemble and participate in the program if you are selected.

- **To register for the Gr. 4, 5 and 6 Jr. Honors Band, go to:** <https://forms.gle/isGfenJ4KqCNYc4y8> or <https://tinyurl.com/2425JHBRegistration>
- **Jr. Honors Band 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 are unable to register in advance.

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

- **Attend rehearsals** - Tuesdays, 7:15 PM - 8:30 PM, January 14 - March 11, 2025
- The **snow makeup rehearsal dates** are Monday, February 3, 2025 and Monday, February 24, 2025, if needed
- **Attend Dress Rehearsals** - Monday, March 3, 2025 and Monday, March 10, 2025 - 7:15 - 8:30 PM at Kenmore Middle School
- **Perform** in the Spring Concert at Kenmore Middle School, with the Junior Honors Band, Junior Honors Orchestra and Elementary Honors Chorus, on **Tuesday, March 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM**
- The **snow makeup date for the concert** is Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 7:00 PM at Kenmore Middle School
- **Wear concert clothing** 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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