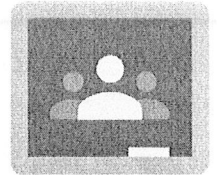


Lafayette HS Orchestra Placement Auditions for Incoming Freshman and Upperclassmen

From Google Classroom, upload the PDF of the appropriate audition for your instrument and the orchestra level. You may also contact Mr. Kent at phil.kent@lafayette.kyschools.us to schedule an in-person audition if you prefer.



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February **Distribution of Audition Excerpts n Google Classroom and Website**

March 27 **Level 1- String Orchestra** NO AUDITION REQUIRED but students will need a recommendation from their middle school orchestra teacher to register for this class.

Level 2- Concert Orchestra Audition

You must play the Standard Audition Etude and scales in order to be placed in either Concert Orchestra.

Level 3- Advanced Symphonic Orchestra Audition

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

Level 4- Advanced Chamber Orchestra Audition

To audition for this, you must play Level 4 audition material. For this you will need to play the 3 octave scales (2 octave for basses), and excerpts.

May 11 **LHSO Spring Concert**
Singletary Center for the Arts @ 7:30 pm

July 20-23 **Freshman Camp**
9:00 am - noon each day
Thursday, July 23, 5:30 Concert
Online registration is open at www.lafayetteorchestra.org



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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 rehearsals, not individual practice. Most of these students are All-State level musicians who take private lessons. After school rehearsals and sectionals will be required.



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Dear Future LHS Students and Parents:

I am very excited to meet each of you and welcome you to the Lafayette High School Orchestra Family. I would like to give you a look into some information regarding the orchestra department's vision so that you feel welcome and excited about your new experience.

Our vision of the Lafayette HS Orchestra is to develop in each student an appreciation of the art of music as a part of general culture; to teach techniques of musical expression; to discover and develop the talents of students in all styles of music; to develop knowledge and skills in listening, reading and performing. Quality music literature is the curriculum of music education. We must strive to bring our students to a level of group and individual proficiency so that they can experience original works by the great composers of the past and present. The opportunities for a student to be a part of this recreation of intent are an important development of a student's worldly understanding.

Along with a worldly understanding, music offers experiences that promote training of the heart and head. Self-confidence, teamwork, development of fine motor skills, and the use of spatial-temporal reasoning produces a well-rounded student atoned to a strong work ethic. An education using the musical arts develops high levels of achievement in reading, reading comprehension, and language developments. Opportunities for student leadership within a performance-based organization provides real-world experience in problem solving, inter- and intra-personal relationships, role model leadership, decision-making, critical thinking, and depending on others.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or check out our orchestra website. We would love to know about any recitals or other performances that includes our orchestra family! Thank you and I'm looking forward to a great year!

Yours in music education,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil Kent". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Phil Kent

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Welcome from the Lafayette Orchestra Boosters!

Our goal is to create a family atmosphere so that each child can grow and flourish on their string journey. We provide a variety of support and aid to the Directors and Orchestra Members. Through tremendous parental support, we are able to assist in dress fittings, logo apparel sales, fundraising, concert hospitality, Freshman String Camp and much more. It is our desire to make each and every student feel welcome and accepted. As part of that effort Mr. Kent has implemented a Freshman String Camp so incoming and new orchestra students can know where to go and what to expect. The orchestra program also includes performances shared with our middle school orchestras several times throughout the year.

We believe that the key to a successful parent teacher relationship is communication and have incorporated a web site that will keep orchestra families well informed of upcoming events and dates. Through the Lafayette Orchestra website (www.lafayetteorchestra.org) we are able to communicate with our orchestra families and the Lexington Musical Community.

The Orchestra Booster Board needs YOU!

We have many graduating seniors and their parents leaving us this year. We need Booster Board positions and At Large positions filled. Any amount of time and commitment is needed.

We can't help the Directors or the children without the support and effort of everyone. Even if you work, or have other obligations, your experience and time can help us create a wonderful experience in music and the social aspects of the orchestra program.

Please fill out your Volunteer form and let us know how we can work together.

In closing, on behalf of Mr. Kent, Mr. Breeck and the booster board, I invite you to enjoy the high school orchestral experience along with your child.

Sincerely,

Beth Rice

Lafayette Orchestra Association President



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Parent Volunteer Form

<http://www.lafayetteorchestra.org/volunteer-opportunities.html>

Parent Name _____ Child's Name: _____

Occupation/Skills _____

Volunteer Interests (circle)

- All-State Chaperone
- Banquet
- Booster
- Chaperone Out of Town trips
- Contact Sponsors
- Create Publicity Flyers
- Dress Fitting/Alterations/Hemming
- Graphic Design
- Organize/Distribute Fundraising Materials
- Monitor for local concerts/contests
- Concert Usher
- Concert Volunteer
- Music Library Help
- Music Teacher
- Post Flyers at LHS/Business/Church
- Provide Food/Drink
- Serve Food
- Set-up/Take-Down
- Take Photos
- Website
- Word Processing/Data Entry
- Writing Grants
- Transport small student groups during school hours
- Transport small student groups after school hours



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Student Demographic Information- REQUIRED

Name: First _____ Last _____

Street Address _____ Lexington, KY _____

Home Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____ Carrier* _____

Student Email _____ Grade _____ Sex _____ Birthdate _____

Instrument _____ Private Teacher _____ T-Shirt YL S M L XL XXL XXXL

Personal Instrument _____ Brand _____ Serial Number _____

Parent Name (1) _____ Home Phone() _____

Street Address (If Different from Child) _____

Work Phone () _____ Cell Phone () _____ Carrier* _____

Email _____ Email _____

Occupation/Skills _____

Parent Name (2) _____ Home Phone() _____

Street Address (If Different from Child) _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Cell Phone () _____ Carrier* _____

Email _____ Email _____

Occupation/Skills _____

Preferred way to contact: Home Phone Work Phone Cell Phone Text Email

*Please provide cell phone carrier if you would like to receive text messages for Orchestra information. There is no charge from the Lafayette Orchestra.