

Honors Orchestra Audition Information 2019

Dear Parents and Students,

I am very excited to welcome you to the Lusher Elementary Honors Orchestra! We are planning a host of amazing performances, and I look forward to working with a very talented group of young musicians. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding the audition process.

Many thanks,

James Hausman, Director, Lusher Honors Orchestra

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Course Scope

Honors Orchestra is a year-long ensemble class that encourages students to achieve high levels of musical proficiency and performance practice. Orchestra provides an opportunity for each musician to develop the skills required to perform challenging and exciting repertoire. In addition, skills such as teamwork, motivation, independent practice, and discipline work together to develop the strong character required of a performing musician.

Rehearsal Schedule

The Honors Orchestra will rehearse each Thursday from 3:40-5:15. Regular attendance at rehearsals is vital to the success of the group. More than 2 unexcused absences may result in dismissal from the group. Musical rehearsal and performance require a high degree of maturity, and students will be expected to rise to Project Pride behavioral expectations.

Performances

The Honors Orchestra will perform at special events and concerts this year, including the Block Party and Crawfish Boil. There are also additional performance opportunities that will present themselves during the year, and we encourage as many students to participate as possible.

Fees

As Honors Orchestra is now part of the after-school programs, there will be a fee **\$150.00** for Lagniappe students and **\$225.00** for non-Lagniappe students this year. This will cover sheet music and necessary supplies for the program. Fees are due to the business office by **Sept. 27th**.

Make-up Auditions

If a student is ill and cannot be there for the audition, Mr. Hausman must be notified prior to the scheduled audition time in order to schedule a make-up. All make-up auditions will be held the following Friday, Aug. 30th.

Audition Information

Students should be prepared to play a scale of their choice, and a piece of music that demonstrates their current ability level. Students who have previously played in Honors Orchestra are expected to audition again so I can get an idea of the level of repertoire that will be appropriate for the whole ensemble. Once students have completed their audition, they can be picked up from aftercare. Parents will be notified of their student’s acceptance via email on August 28th.

Students must return this permission slip in order to be admitted to the audition.

Audition Date: Thursday, August 22rd, 3:40-4:45pm

Audition Location: Room 400 in Goldring Center (Music Room)

_____ has my permission to audition for the Honors Orchestra

Student Name

I understand the expectations for behavior and attendance

Parent Signature

Date

I understand that there is a fee of **\$150** for Lagniappe students and **\$225** for non-Lagniappe students associated with participation. These fees are due by Friday, September 27th.

Parent Signature

Parent Email Address
