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| |  | | --- | |  | | 2025-26 High School ORCHESTRA PROGRAM  Penn-Griffin School for the Arts offers a comprehensive Orchestra Program for grades 9 – 12. We welcome rising 9th – 12th graders to apply for the 2025-26 academic school year. Orchestra meets for 90 minutes daily throughout the year. The Orchestra curriculum includes proper care of the instrument, tuning of the instrument, warm-up techniques, rhythm patterns, bowing techniques, development of vibrato and left-hand technique, major and minor scales and arpeggios—one, two, and three octaves, sight reading, repertoire: will include a variety of styles and periods, solo - small and large ensemble, basic music theory as relates to repertoire, and performances.  The academic curriculum at PGSA is at the Honors and Advanced Placement levels. Therefore, applicants must be academically ready for this curriculum*.* We invite you to complete an online application and submit it by Friday, November 22. You must reside in Guilford County to apply and live within one of the designated school attendance zones. The link to the high school application (through SchoolMint) is available online at the school’s website beginning Wednesday, October 9. You will also be invited to complete your in-person audition on December 14.  If you have any questions, please contact Kim Spell, Magnet Coordinator, at [spellk2@gcsnc.com](mailto:spellk2@gcsnc.com) or Mr. Miles at [milesd4@gcsnc.com](mailto:milesd4@gcsnc.com). | | GCS%20Logo%201 | |  | |  | | --- | | OrchestraEducator’sBio **Damien Miles**  Orchestra Director  Mr. Miles graduated from UNCG in 2023. He began music by playing percussion in middle school band before picking up the double bass. In school, he studied music education and jazz performance and worked as a performing musician and private instructor. Mr. Miles is excited to bring his perspective to the orchestra program at Penn-Griffin.  [milesd4@gcsnc.com](mailto:milesd4@gcsnc.com) | |  | | Penn-Griffin School for the Arts 825 Washington Street High Point, NC 27262 336-819-2870  http://penn-griffin.gcsnc.com  We look forward to hearing  from you! | |