

Orchestra



The main emphasis for the orchestra program is the development of total musicianship through the study, preparation and performance of quality literature and an authentic understanding of the language of music through a sequential curriculum of music theory topics. Orchestra members perform in six concerts during the school year.



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Parent Group

Strings Parent Association

Parents of students currently involved in the Stevenson Orchestra and Guitar programs are encouraged to join the Strings Parents Association (SPA). In SPA, parents have the opportunity to meet other parents and get involved in programs to raise money for domestic and international trips, hospitality offerings at concerts, uniforms purchases, membership and more.

Learn more about the Strings Parent Association:



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Stevenson website:
www.d125.org/arts/orchestra/string-parents-association



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PROGRAM

Four-Year Orchestra Program

Stevenson High School offers four levels of orchestra curriculum classes as described below.

Stevenson Orchestra No audition required; open to all grades. Stevenson Orchestra is the non-auditioned orchestra ensemble in which all students are enrolled, unless they have auditioned for and been placed in Patriot Orchestra (which is not an option for freshmen.) Students will continue to develop performance techniques and comprehensive musical skills and concepts. This orchestra explores a variety of string orchestra music repertoire. Stevenson Orchestra members will perform in four formal concerts throughout the year.

Concert Orchestra Director approval required; open to all grades.

Concert Orchestra is open to all grade levels with director approval. Students must be able to demonstrate proficiency on three octave scales and sight reading. All students will be recommended after performing for the directors. Violin, viola, cello and bass players with previous orchestra experience are required to enroll in this ensemble. This orchestra explores a variety of string orchestra and chamber music repertoire.

Symphonic Orchestra Audition required; open to all grades.

Symphonic Orchestra repertoire includes chamber works, string orchestra and full orchestra from advanced and commonly performed works. Repertoire focuses on music of the Baroque, Classical and early Romantic eras. This ensemble combines with members of Advanced Symphonic Band for several concerts each year for performance of the full orchestra repertoire.

Patriot Orchestra Audition required; for grades 10, 11 and 12.

Patriot Orchestra repertoire includes chamber works, string orchestra and full orchestra from advanced and common works for schools. Repertoire focuses on music of the mid 19th century to living composers. This ensemble combines with members of Honor Band for several concerts each year for performance of the full orchestra repertoire. Seniors may earn accelerated credit in this course.

In addition, chamber ensembles, outreach activities, special cultural and social activities are developed to enhance the orchestras and enrich the orchestra members.

Private Lessons



Stevenson's music faculty believes that student musicians interested in getting the greatest possible enjoyment from their involvement in SHS music ensembles should supplement their classroom experience with private one-on-one lessons held in the school.

While student classroom experience at the high school level focuses on ensemble performance skills, as well as music theory and overall musicianship, involvement in a private lesson program provides additional assistance in further developing individual technique and solo performance skills.



To learn more about private lessons:

Visit the Stevenson website at: www.d125.org/arts/private-music-lessons



Or visit the PREP website at: www.d125.org/prep



Opportunities

Auditions

Incoming freshman auditions are Monday, April 13, 2020 from 3:45 to 5:30 p.m. in the Orchestra Room (2200). The audition sign-up form can be found on the Stevenson Fine Arts web page: www.d125.org/arts/orchestra.

Freshman Welcome Orientation

Incoming freshman and transfer students participate in a two-day summer Strings Welcome Camp scheduled for Thursday, August 6 and Friday, August 7, 2020. Camp times are 9 a.m. to noon and take place in the Orchestra Room (2200). There is no fee for the camp. All strings students are required to attend.

Travel

Orchestra students have the opportunity to travel on domestic and international tours every two years. In 2022, students will travel to Austria and Germany over spring break.

Past tours have included Sicily, Rome, Spain, Canada, Portugal, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Disney, Universal Studios and Switzerland.



Co-Curricular Opportunities

- Pit Orchestra (requires director's approval)
- Baroque Ensemble (by audition only)
- Strings Board (student leadership club)