



Rochester HS Orchestra

Ted McDonald, Director



**Concert
Orchestra**

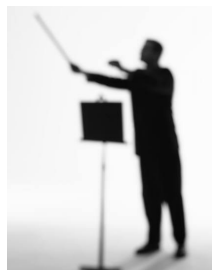


Violin & Viola

Cello & Bass



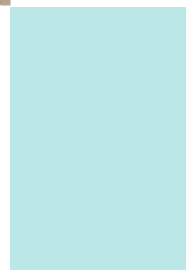
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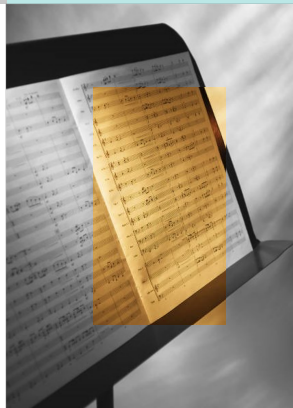
**Chamber
Strings**



**Full
Orchestra**



**Solo
&
Ensemble**



.....**Trips**



Musical



Concerts

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Rochester High School Orchestras

8th Grade Parent Night Information

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Your child's high school career will be enriched greatly with their continued participation in music! The College Board lists the Fine and Performing Arts as one of the six basic areas of academic preparation needed for success in college. Additionally, the College Board has documented students who take music in high school score significantly higher on the SAT than students who do not.

The Rochester High School Concert Orchestra is the foundation of the Orchestra program at RHS. It is a full-year course that meets for one hour each day during school. For the 2023-24 school year, it will feature students in 9th-12th grades (Orchestra is only in its 3rd year at RHS!) Eventually, the RHS Orchestra will split into two and potentially even three separate classes based on grade level and ability. Students that were in Orchestra in middle school are welcome and encouraged to continue on in high school! We have a variety of exciting experiences and opportunities for the RHS Orchestra students this coming school year, including but not limited to:

- ♦ 4-6 concerts per year (4 main concerts, and a few other performances at events)
- ♦ Participation in RCS or MSBOA Orchestra Festival
- ♦ MSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival
- ♦ Small and large trips—possibilities include: Nashville/Memphis, Chicago, New York City, Disney World/Universal, and much, much more!
- ♦ Meeting new friends
- ♦ Deepening your musical knowledge and instrument skills
- ♦ Learning new and increasing interesting and challenging music
- ♦ Having fun and making memories that last a lifetime!

There are also extracurricular opportunities for RHS Orchestra students, including Chamber Orchestra (for advanced students), playing in the Pit Orchestra for the annual RHS Musical, Music National Honors Society, and the RHS Falcon Marching Band. Orchestra students may concurrently be in Marching Band and Orchestra, as Marching Band is a Zero Hour course. Orchestra students may be in the Color Guard, or learn a new/secondary instrument to participate. For more information or if you have any questions on Marching Band, please contact RHS Director of Bands, David A. Uhrig at duhrig@rochester.k12.mi.us