

2024 SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL Audition Guidelines

Orchestra and Chamber Music Workshop: Strings Open to advanced students with 2+years experience in 6th-9th grades for the 23-24 school year

AFA auditions are intended to determine readiness for the session the applicant has applied for (not to be competitive). Students should prepare their auditions to the best of their ability according to the guidelines; **if there is anything unfamiliar to the student in the guidelines, or if further clarification is needed, please reach out to AFA**.

SCALES

Prepare to play at least 2 of the scales listed for your instrument in 3 octaves*.

Violin: G Major, D Major, A Major, B-flat Major Viola: C Major, G Major, D Major, F Major Cello: C Major, G Major, D Major, F Major

*Bass, choose from the following and play 2 octaves: G Major, F Major, E Major

SOLO

A total of 2 to 5 minutes of solo music that demonstrates lyrical style and technical skill.

Choose from two different pieces of music or two contrasting sections from within the same piece; you may choose from etude(s), a concerto or other type of solo, or a mixture of both (no orchestral excerpts, please). These selections are not required to be memorized.

SIGHTREADING

Each applicant will complete a short sight-reading exercise, meaning they will be given very short excerpts of music they have not seen before to play during the audition.

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