

Information for parents & students about All-Region Orchestra

What is Region Orchestra?

Region Orchestra is an honor group that meets once a year. Membership in Region Orchestra is attained through a competitive audition by individual students from our entire Region, which consists of all Northside schools, plus schools in Eagle Pass, Southwest ISD, Somerset & Del Rio, and as far north as Kerrville. Your child already has the music for this audition. Approximately one thousand orchestra students compete for seats in the four Region Orchestras. The **String Orchestra** is for the youngest students, usually 6th & 7th grade; the **Philharmonic Orchestra** is for 7-8th grade; the **Allegretto Orchestra** is for 9th grade students only; and the **Symphony Orchestra** is for high school students.

Please see the attached page for details regarding the dates, times, and locations of the auditions, sectional rehearsals, and the clinic/concert.

Parents, be sure to ask your child which group they are auditioning for.

What happens if you are selected?

Audition results will be posted after all students have auditioned. If you're on the list, congratulations! Then the REAL work begins. Region performers are obligated to participate in all rehearsals and the performance. Transportation to the audition, all rehearsals and the concert is the responsibility of parents.

What are the benefits of Region Orchestra?

1. Students are recognized for achieving a high level of musical achievement.
2. Students have an opportunity to perform with other superior students from our entire region.
3. Students have the opportunity to perform more difficult music than usually provided in the school orchestra.
4. Students have the opportunity to work with a conductor that is hired from a different part of our city/state.
5. Region Orchestra students will also be able to purchase a t-shirt with all the names of Region Orchestra performers on it, a plaque with their name engraved, and a recording of their performance. Each student will receive an embroidered patch (like those sewn on high school letter jackets) that identifies them as a Region Orchestra performer.

Do I "have to"?

NO, You "GET TO"!! Advanced and Intermediate Orchestra students are encouraged to audition. Once students are registered, they are expected to show up for the audition. Directors monitor and advise students during the fall semester as they practice the music to ensure that those who represent their school at the audition are adequately prepared.

Parents: If your child wants to audition, sign and return the attached contract; keep the remaining info as a reference.