

St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5

2023-24 All-Suburban High School Orchestra Audition Information

September 1, 2023

TO: St. Louis Suburban High School Orchestra Directors
FROM: Tara Landers – St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 HS Orchestra Vice President
RE: 2023-2024 High School Orchestra Auditions
WHEN: Monday, November 6, 4:00 PM
WHERE: Auditions: **Clayton High School** (Rehearsals and Concert at Ladue High School)
CLINICIAN: Maestro Shane Williams

Registration for High School All-Suburban Orchestra is online.

Go to the St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 website:

[www.St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5.com](http://www.St.LouisSuburbanMMEADistrict5.com)

**Locate the “Orchestra Honor Groups” page and click on the
“Online Registration Link”**

High School All-Suburban Orchestra Schedule

Monday, October 2:	Registration Opens
Friday, October 13:	Registration Deadline
Monday, November 6:	HS Honor Orchestra Auditions – Clayton High School, 4:00PM
Monday, November 13:	HS Honor Orchestra Rehearsal - Ladue High School - 6:30-9:00 PM
Monday, November 27:	HS Honor Orchestra Rehearsal - Ladue High School - 6:30-9:00 PM
Saturday, December 2:	All-State Orchestra Auditions – University of Missouri
Friday, January 5:	HS Honor Orchestra Rehearsal –Ladue High School, 6:30-9:00 PM
Saturday, January 6:	HS Honor Orchestra Rehearsal - Ladue High School, 9AM Rehearsal, 4PM Concert

*****In order to participate, students accepted to the ensemble must attend all rehearsals and the performance.*****

APPLICATION/REGISTRATION

- Registration for auditions will be done by directors and/or their students by going to the St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 website. Click on the appropriate honor group page (band, orchestra, or choir) and click on the "On-Line Registration Link" for the group you wish to register for. Students auditioning for more than one instrument only need to register ONCE. Just make sure you answer all the questions on the page. Once you have completed the registration page for that student, click SUBMIT. You WILL NOT receive a confirmation. **Directors are strongly encouraged to handle the entire registration process for all of their students.**
- Once registration closes for each group, directors will have a chance to verify their school's entries through the verification process. There will be a \$25.00 fee assessed to any late entry or any correction needed after the verification deadline. This fee will be assessed to each correction. It is a huge undertaking to make adjustments to this process after the deadline. All correction fees will be added to your final registration invoice.
- **REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN Monday, October 2nd at 6:00 a.m. REGISTRATION will conclude Friday, October 13th at MIDNIGHT.**
- The audition fee is \$15.00 per audition and you must pay for all auditions that have registered. If you register 10 students who will be taking a total of 15 different auditions, you owe \$225.00 even if only 9 actual auditions take place on November 6. This is consistent with the state

audition process. Once students are registered, directors will receive an invoice from St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 with payment instructions. Upon receiving that invoice, directors will have 30 days to submit their payment for the audition fees.

- Audition times and room assignments will be EMAILED to orchestra directors by October 31.
- Students will not be permitted to audition without an application on file.
- Directors/school representatives will need to check-in at the sign-in table on November 6.

AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS

- Students will not be given an audition number. The audition judge will only recognize you by your audition time. You will be met at your audition room by a room monitor who will double check with you as to your audition time and confirm your name. This information will not be made available to the judge.
- Show up for your audition at least 30 minutes prior to your audition time. You may warm-up in the Commons area of Clayton High School. You may not practice in the hallways or outside your audition room.
- Report to your audition room 10 minutes prior to your audition. The room monitor will call you by your audition time when it is your time to audition.
- Avoid talking to the judge. If you have any questions, ask the room monitor.
- Failure to report to your audition at your assigned time may result in you not being able to audition.

AUDITIONS – MATERIALS

- Audition materials (scales/excerpts) are posted on the St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 [website](#).
- Auditions are blind; the judges will not see the students auditioning.

CONCERT ATTIRE

- Men – Black Tuxedo (or black suit), black socks, black dress shoes
- Women – Black dress, skirt, or slacks (no jeans), black blouse (must have some sleeves), black socks or nylons, black dress shoes.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Directors are needed for judging, data tabulation and manning the registration table on the audition evening. If you would like to help, please email Tara Landers at taralanders@lindberghschools.ws.

ATTENTION DIRECTORS

High School All-Suburban Band, Jazz, and Orchestra auditions, rehearsals, and performances are considered MSHSAA interscholastic activities. These activities are governed by MSHSAA Bylaw 103 and do require a school representative in attendance at all events or student participation will be denied.