

St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association

2023-24 6th Grade All-Suburban Orchestra Information

September 1, 2023

TO: St. Louis Suburban Middle School Orchestra Directors
FROM: Clay McKinney – St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 6th Grade Orchestra Vice President
RE: 2023-2024 6th Grade All-Suburban Orchestra Information
WHERE: Ladue High School, 1201 South Warson Rd, Ladue, MO 63124
CLINICIAN: Karen Person

The St. Louis Suburban Music Educators Association is offering an excellent program just for our 6th grade string players, regardless of whether they are housed in the middle school or in an elementary school. Students who are eligible must fulfill the following:

1. Be a 6th grade string player.
2. Have a minimum of one year's experience and be able to read advanced music.
3. Be a member of their sixth grade string program.
4. Be recommended by the orchestra director.
5. The student's school district must be a current member of the Cooperating School Districts of St. Louis.

Registration for 6th Grade All-Suburban Orchestra is online.

Go to the St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 website: www.stlsuburbanmmeadistrict5.com

Locate the "Orchestra Honor Groups" page and click on the "Online Registration Link" under Orchestra - 6th Grade

6th Grade All-Suburban Middle School Orchestra Schedule

Monday, October 9:	Registration Opens - 6th Grade Orchestra
Friday, October 20:	Registration Deadline – 6 th Grade Orchestra
Monday, November 13:	6th Honor Orchestra Rehearsal – Ladue HS, 5-6:30PM
Monday, November 20:	6th Honor Orchestra Rehearsal – Ladue HS, 5-6:30PM
Monday, November 27:	6th Honor Orchestra Rehearsal – Ladue HS, 5-6:30PM
Thursday, January 4:	6th Honor Orchestra Rehearsal – Ladue HS, 5-6:30PM
Saturday, January 6:	6th Honor Orchestra Dress Rehearsal - Ladue HS, 12-1:30PM 6th Honor Orchestra Concert – Ladue HS, 2:00PM

In order to participate, students accepted to the ensemble must attend all rehearsals and the performance. Any student who misses a rehearsal may not be allowed to perform at the concert. Students who miss more than one rehearsal, regardless of excuse, will definitely not be allowed to perform at the concert. If a student has a school orchestra concert on the night of a rehearsal they must still attend rehearsal and leave early.

APPLICATION/REGISTRATION

- Please use the attached sheet to register your students online and keep them for your personal records. You may fill out the director information form to register your students **online** at www.stlsuburbanmmeadistrict5.com.
- Please be sure your recommended students can fulfill these responsibilities, including having their own instrument. If you have a concert on the night of a rehearsal, please let me know. Students should still attend the rehearsal, but may leave a little early to make your concert.

- Because of space limitations, you are being asked to recommend only three (3) students to participate in this orchestra and one alternate student per school (not per teacher). Of the first three students, at least one (1) student should be a lower string (viola, cello, bass) player. Students nominated as the alternate student per school will be accepted into the orchestra based on instrumentation needs. If you have an outstanding musician that might qualify as a section leader, please identify that student. Also, please indicate your violin recommendations as first or second violin players. All seating will be assigned through a random seating selection process (no auditions are held).
- **Registration is online at www.stlsurbanmmeadistrict5.com. Find the honor ensembles page and click on the online registration link for 6th grade orchestra.**
- Please register your students online no later than **Friday, October 20, 2023**. Directors are needed to help with rehearsal tuning, setting up and tearing down, and sectionals. Please do your part to help ensure the success of our program. For your convenience, you may check the rehearsals that you are able to attend on the online registration form.
- **All students participating in a middle school honor group which includes the band, jazz band, orchestra, and choir will pay a participation fee of \$15.00 per student. You must pay for all students that have been registered, making the 6th grade registration fee up to \$45.00 per school. ONE CHECK SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO ST. LOUIS SUBURBAN MMEA DISTRICT 5. Please, no purchase orders. Once you have completed your online registration, an invoice will be generated for your school and sent to you via email.**
- Students should wear a white shirt, black pants or skirt, and black shoes to the performance. Young men can also wear ties if they would like.
- Students must be prepared for all rehearsals and aware that seating will be assigned in a random manner.

ATTENTION DIRECTORS

While the St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 6th Grade Honors Orchestra is not covered under the MSHSAA rules requiring directors to be present at rehearsals, you are welcome and encouraged to attend and assist with rehearsal supervision. Please volunteer your time to help at one or more rehearsals. Help will be needed with setup, breakdown, tuning, and sectionals at one rehearsal. Come early, leave late...any assistance you can provide will be greatly appreciated!

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6th Grade All-Suburban Honors Orchestra Student Information Form

Please fill out this information completely and clearly and return to your orchestra director.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ ZIP CODE: _____

AGE: _____ SCHOOL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR: _____

Do you study privately? _____ If yes, how long? _____

Name of Private Teacher: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR SIGNATURE: _____

***While you have been accepted into this Honors Orchestra on the recommendation of your teacher, your signature on this form acknowledges that you agree to: seating which will be assigned in a random manner; attend ALL rehearsals; be prepared for rehearsals. Please pick up your child promptly when their rehearsals are finished (6:30PM).**

RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR TEACHER