

# St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5

## 2023-24 7th/8th Grade All-Suburban Orchestra Audition Information

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September 1, 2023

**TO:** St. Louis Suburban Middle School Orchestra Directors  
**FROM:** Kyle Alexander - St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 Vice President for MS Orchestra  
**RE:** 2023-2024 7th-8th Grade All-Suburban Orchestra Auditions  
**WHEN:** Monday, October 23, 4PM-9 PM  
**WHERE:** Ladue Horton Watkins High School, 1201 S. Warson Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124  
**CLINICIAN:** Ann Geiler

Please make this information available to your 7-8 grade orchestra students regarding the 2023-24 All-Suburban Orchestra Auditions.

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**Registration for 7th/8th Grade All-Suburban Orchestra is online.**

**Go to the St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 website: [www.stlsuburbanmmeadistrict5.com](http://www.stlsuburbanmmeadistrict5.com)  
Locate the "Orchestra Honor Groups" page and click on the  
"Online Registration Link"**

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### 7th/8th Grade All-Suburban Middle School Orchestra Schedule

<b>Monday, September 25:</b>	Registration Opens – MS Orchestra
<b>Friday, October 6:</b>	Registration Deadline – MS Orchestra
<b>Monday, October 23:</b>	MS Honor Orchestra Auditions – Ladue HS, 4-9:00 PM
<b>Monday, November 13:</b>	MS Honor Orchestra Rehearsal – Ladue HS, 7-8:30 PM
<b>Monday, November 20:</b>	MS Honor Orchestra Rehearsal – Ladue HS, 7-8:30 PM
<b>Monday, November 27:</b>	MS Honor Orchestra Rehearsal – Ladue HS, 7-8:30 PM
<b>Thursday, January 4:</b>	MS Honor Orchestra Rehearsal – Ladue HS, 7-8:30 PM
<b>Friday, January 5:</b>	MS Honor Orchestra Dress Rehearsal – Ladue HS, 4:30-6:00 PM
<b>Saturday, January 6:</b>	MS Honor Orchestra Concert – Ladue HS, 3:00 PM

**\*\*\*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 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

- 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.

- Audition times and room assignments will be EMAILED to directors the week of October 16.
- **REGISTRATION WILL BEGIN Monday, September 25 at 6:00 a.m. REGISTRATION will conclude Monday, October 9 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 15 different auditions, you owe \$225.00 even if only 9 actual auditions take place on October 23. 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.
- On October 23, directors/school representatives will need to check-in and certify that the registered students are members of their junior high/middle school orchestra program and meet all requirements of St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5.
- Students will not be permitted to audition without an application on file.
- Remind your students that they will be assigned an audition time and that they are required to adhere to that time, or may forfeit their audition. Students that may have a conflict with after school activities should wait to register closer to the deadline to get a later audition time.
- When students arrive at Ladue High School, they will go to the registration desk in the cafeteria to pick up their registration form that will be waiting for them. Students must have this form to audition.
- Students will need to report to the registration table 30-minutes prior to their audition time to check in and receive their audition number. Students' audition number will be based on their instrument and audition time. The audition judge will only recognize you by your audition number. After you are checked in you may warm up in the warm-up room.

### **AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS**

- Report to your audition room at least 5 minutes prior to your audition. The room monitor/judge will call you by your audition number 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.

### **AUDITION MUSIC**

- Scale and excerpts posted on St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 website: [stlsurbanmmeadistrict5.com](http://stlsurbanmmeadistrict5.com)
- **NO SOLO IS REQUIRED.** Only requirements for audition are scale, excerpts, and sight reading (given at audition).
- Repertoire: To be determined
- Audition results will be emailed to directors within 24-48 hours after auditions conclude.

### **ATTENTION DIRECTORS**

While the St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 Middle School 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.

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## MS Honor Orchestra – Student Information

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**Directors:** Feel free to use this form to gather information from your students.

**Students:** Return this form to your teacher so they can register you online for auditions.

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student email address: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_

Orchestra Director Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Orchestra Director Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you auditioning on another instrument for District Honor Orchestra: Yes or No

If yes, what instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you audition successfully into the St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 Middle School Honor Orchestra you will be expected to attend all scheduled rehearsals, dress rehearsal, and the concert. 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 concert on the night of a rehearsal, they must still attend rehearsal and leave early. You will be notified of your assigned audition time during the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>.

I have read and understand the information and guidelines pertaining to the St. Louis Suburban MMEA District 5 Middle School Honors Orchestra.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_