



St. Louis Metro District #8
Orchestra
Chris Torretta, Vice President

Dear Instrument Director:

I am writing to make you aware of the audition requirements, rehearsal schedule, and performance schedule for the 2011 St. Louis Metro District #8 Honors Orchestra. These auditions are open to any student in the Metro #8 District, grades 8 through 12, who plays violin, viola, cello or bass and will also serve as seating auditions.

Please note this change: There will be **NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION**. All students must be pre-registered on-line, following the instructions below by the end of the day on Saturday, October 1st. As our audition numbers have grown, this process has become bigger! Please understand that no late registrations will be accepted. Also, students may participate in both Choir and Orchestra, as there are no conflicting rehearsals and separate performance dates.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- *Give the registration form and attendance policy to interested students.
- *Set a specific return date that will allow you time to register your students.
- *Collect the completed registration forms and the \$10 audition fee from your students or speak with your activities director about the audition fees.
- *Register your students online at www.stlmetrodistrict8.org by October 1st.
- *Mail all completed forms to Chris Torretta, Orchestra VP, by October 1st.

**Chris Torretta
Fort Zumwalt East High School
600 First Executive Ave.
St. Peters, MO 63376**

- *Mail all fees (with a Payment Invoice Form) to our Metro 8 Treasurer by October 1st.

**Kenneth Lederle
Catholic Education Center
4445 Lindell Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63108**

It is important to follow the steps above to ensure that your students are properly registered to audition. I have found it more efficient if the music teachers register students online, or have them register themselves in class, then mail in forms, and mail in money. This will help us consolidate the process. Please double check spelling during this process, as I will take this information to determine spelling on the concert program. If you have questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact me personally!

AUDITION MATERIALS:

Audition materials are also posted online at www.stlmetrodistrict8.org. Auditions will be held at DeSmet High School on Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 8:30 am until noon. Please read through the audition material carefully before distributing it to the students.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you at auditions!

Chris Torretta



Orchestra Audition Registration Form 2011

Student Information:

Student Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

Grade Level: _____ Instrument: _____

Home Phone: _____ Student Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

School/Director Information:

School Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Director's E-mail Address: _____

Director's Signature: _____

Attendance Policy Agreement:

Please take the time to read the entire St. Louis Metro District #8 Honor Ensemble Attendance Policy. The important points for Orchestra Members are included here:

2. Student must be a member of his/her school's performing ensemble, if one exists, during the semester in which the Honors ensemble performance occurs.
3. Students selected to an Honor ensemble must be present for every minute of every scheduled rehearsal. Dates of the event are published in advance and should be checked in advance before student auditions for the Honors ensemble. (If an exception should be granted, it must be cleared through the ensemble VP.)
5. Consequences for students will be dismissal from the ensemble.

If selected as a member of this honor ensemble, I agree to comply with the above attendance policy. I understand that failure to comply with this attendance policy will result in my dismissal from the ensemble.

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
PARENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Return this form and a \$10 audition fee to YOUR DIRECTOR.



St. Louis Metro District #8
Student Attendance Policy
Honors Ensemble Rehearsals and Performance
(Revised December, 2008)

(Revised August 2010)

1. Student participating shall meet the eligibility standards set forth by the Missouri State High School Activity Association By-law 200 - General Student Eligibility Standards.
2. Student must be a member of his/her school's performing ensemble, if one exists, during the semester in which the Honors ensemble performance occurs.
3. Students selected to an Honor ensemble must be present for every minute of every scheduled rehearsal. Dates of the event are published in advance and should be checked in advance before student auditions for the Honors ensemble. (If an exception should be granted, it must be cleared in advance through the ensemble Vice-President.)
4. Consequences for not meeting these requirements will be dismissal from the ensemble and/or disqualification from all-state eligibility.
5. Students participating in Honors ensembles shall be supervised by their director, faculty member or administrator of the school involved, who is present for every minute of every rehearsal/performance. (It is no longer acceptable for one faculty/administrator from one school in a multiple high school district to supervise all students of all schools of the multiple high school districts - MSHSAA by-law 103.0).
6. Consequences for directors/schools not meeting these requirements will be probationary status for the school the following year. The School Administration and MSHSAA will receive notice of the dereliction of duty. If these requirements are not met during the probationary year, all students from the school will be ineligible to audition the following year.



St. Louis Metro District #8 Orchestra Schedule 2011

Saturday, October 8

AUDITIONS –

DeSmet High School
223 North New Ballas Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

*Check-In/Room Assignments begins at 8:00 AM
Auditions will begin at 8:30 AM*

REMINDER: NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION THIS YEAR

Tuesday, October 18

1st **REHERASAL**-

Fort Zumwalt East High School

Tuesday, November 1

2nd **REHERASAL**-

600 First Executive Ave

Tuesday, November 8

3rd **REHERASAL**-

St. Peters, MO 63376

Room 224

Rehearsal from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Concert Dress:

Guys Concert Dress: Tux (Black suit and bow tie) – extras are available if needed

Ladies Concert Dress: Formal black attire

(floor length pants or skirt and at least $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves on a blouse or dress)

Friday, November 11

CONCERT-

Fort Zumwalt East High
600 First Executive Ave
St. Peters, MO 63376
Auditorium

*Students be at FZE for rehearsal at 6:30 PM
Honors Orchestra Performances begin at 7:30 PM*



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Orchestra Audition Information

- Students in the 8th through 12th grade may audition for the orchestra.
- All students wishing to participate in this orchestra must audition. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- All selected participants must be in attendance for all scheduled rehearsals to be allowed to perform at the final concert.
Participants must report on time and will not be allowed to leave early from either rehearsal. Failure to abide by this rule will result in removal from the orchestra. (An exception may be made in the event of a family emergency with the final decision made by the Orchestra Vice President.)
- Music directors or a designated building representative **MUST** be in attendance with their student(s) for the entirety of the audition and rehearsal dates per MSHSAA.
- Audition times will be assigned on a first come first serve basis. If you need an early or later time, specify on-line when you register so I can make those accommodations.
- When auditioning, make sure students observe the tempo markings given on the audition material.
- Questions or concerns may be directed to:

Chris Torretta

Email: ctorretta@fz.k12.mo.us

Cell: 314.341.6570

Fax: 636.926.3345