



2025 Dodgen MS Orchestra GMEA Large Group Performance Evaluation

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Dear Orchestra Parents and Students,

Each year the Dodgen Orchestras are required to participate in only one competitive/adjudicated performance. This event is sponsored by the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) and is called Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE). At this event, the orchestra and the directors will be evaluated on our appearance, stage behavior, music selection, all aspects of our performance skills, and sight-reading ability. We will earn numeric ratings and comments by three GMEA-certified Orchestra judges and one sight-reading judge (overall group rating, not individual). This event is a valuable learning opportunity that is equivalent to the Milestones testing and provides motivation for students to do their best on the chosen music. Each individual student's performance skills and behavior are crucial to the success of this large group performance.

The goals of Orchestra Large Group Performance Evaluation participation are:

- To raise the standards of musicianship, instrumentation, technical knowledge, and literature selection of performers
- To promote the development of musical knowledge as expressed in performance through evaluation, advice and suggestion
- To offer students, parents, and teachers the opportunity to listen to the best work of peer groups from other schools

Seventh Grade GMEA District 12 LGPE will be held on **February 10th**. Eighth Grade LGPE will be held on **February 11th**. We will walk to and from Walton High School. Here is the general schedule for the day:

TIME	Dodgen Orchestra Performance Evaluation Schedule
Night Before	Get uniform together, practice
Before School	Drop off uniform and instrument in OR, go to first-third periods as normal
12:03 pm	All students eat lunch, then change into uniform and gather equipment and music
12:30 pm	All students in place in assigned seats on the stage
12:45 pm	Depart for Walton HS- WALKING- wear a coat, hat, gloves, scarf, etc- bring umbrella if rain is forecasted, students may wear comfortable walking shoes and change into dress shoes at Walton
1:00 pm	Go directly to stage to unpack, tune and warmup (cello/bass cases backstage)
1:30 pm	STAGE PERFORMANCE- Walton High School Auditorium (open to parents)
1:45 pm	Sight reading evaluation on stage
1:55 pm	Pack up and return to Dodgen Middle School- WALKING
2:05 pm	Students secure instruments and equipment in the classroom and change clothes
2:25-2:28 pm	All students return to sixth period on time

We need 10-12 parent chaperones to assist with this trip. We need help walking students safely across to Walton HS and back, and we will have to quickly move a lot of equipment from place to place without leaving anything behind. Student behavior will also need to be supervised during this event.

[Please click here to chaperone this trip](#) or use <https://tinyurl.com/48znjn7a>

Please visit [ParentVue](#) to complete your child's permission form.

We have put a great deal of effort into preparation for this performance, and with your support we will have a successful learning experience. Please e-mail us if you have any questions regarding this event.

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Dodgen Middle School Orchestra Performance Evaluation
February 10 or 11, 2025

Student Guidelines

- I understand the importance of this performance and I will do my absolute best to learn and perform the music to the best of my ability.
- I will make sure my parents receive the information regarding LGPE.
- I understand that I must wear the complete and correct DMS Orchestra uniform, which includes the orchestra polo, undershirt, black dress pants, black socks, and black dress shoes.
- I understand that walking to Walton requires my attention and cooperation. I will remember to dress warmly for the walk.
- I agree to be punctual, quiet, and to follow directions while at Orchestra Performance Evaluation. I realize that I should be independent and refrain from asking multiple questions during the LGPE event.
- I will focus and participate properly during the sight reading portion of the evaluation.
- I know that I should stay with the group at all times and follow the printed schedule.
- I will be respectful of teachers and students from other schools and courteous during their performances, observing proper concert etiquette in the Walton High School auditorium.
- I understand that my preparation, behavior, participation, and performance at this event will affect my entire orchestra class.

Student Signature_____