



HIGHTOWER MIDDLE SCHOOL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Dear Orchestra Parents,

The Hightower Chamber Orchestra is the top-performing ensemble in the orchestra program. This orchestra will consist of a select group of 6th- 8th graders who are progressing above their grade level orchestra. Students will learn advanced techniques and scales that will better prepare them for high school orchestra as well as All-state and Honor Orchestras. Students who are selected will also have additional performing and community service opportunities throughout the school year.

Students will be expected to learn chamber music as well as music for their grade level orchestra. Being a part of the chamber orchestra is a privilege and students who miss rehearsals consistently, are not prepared, and are a behavior problem will not be able to participate.

Chamber Orchestra will meet **Mondays and Thursdays** before school from **8:00-9:00a.m.** I am asking your help in being able to get them here promptly at **8am** each Monday and Thursday. Auditions to join the chamber orchestra will be held on **August 11th** after school (4:30-6:00pm). Students will be able to sign-up during the 1st week of school. Again, students should only accept this invitation if they are truly committed to becoming a better musician.

Our Chamber Orchestra has been invited to perform at **Carnegie Hall in New York on Sunday, March 14, 2027!** In preparation for this prestigious performance, we will add a few sectional rehearsals based on availability of the students who are selected for Chamber Orchestra. More information will follow as the orchestra is finalized.

Sincerely,

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Please use the QR code below to complete the audition registration form no later than August 7th, 2026.



Chamber Orchestra
2026-2027 Audition Requirements

ALL SCALES MUST BE PLAYED FROM MEMORY

Scales and arpeggios: Student will be asked to play the following scales and arpeggios, separate bows (QN=60)

Violin	G and A Major, 3 octaves; or D Major 2 octaves.
Viola	C and D major, 3 octaves; or G Major 2 octaves.
Cello	C and D major, 3 octaves; or G Major 2 octaves.
Bass	F and G major, 2 octaves

Excerpt: **Does not have to be memorized.**

Auditions will be held on Tuesday, August 11th 4:30-6:00pm.

Sign-ups for audition time will be available during Meet and Greet in the orchestra room hallway.

Please turn in your permission form by Friday, August 7th.