

Fulton County Youth Orchestra Information and Membership Requirements:

The Fulton County Youth Orchestra (FCYO) is the premiere orchestra serving advanced elementary and middle school aged students in and around Metro Atlanta. The FCYO meets majority on Tuesdays at Centennial High School from 5:15 to 6:45 PM in the orchestra room. The group is open to 4th through 8th grade string players who are members in good standing of their local school orchestra. If no local school orchestra is available a recommendation from a private teacher is required.

Auditions will be held on August 19, 2025 from 5:30- 7:00PM at Centennial High School (9310 Scott Road, Roswell, GA). There are no specific audition times for students, **HOWEVER, students will not be allowed to enter the building after 6:45 P.M. to audition.**

Students who are accepted into FCYO will receive an acceptance email before the first rehearsal, Tuesday August 26, 2025. Members will need to render a participation fee of \$300 at check-in during the first rehearsal on August 26, 2025.

Membership Requirements

The Fulton County Youth Orchestra (FCYO) accepts students in grades 4-8 who are members in good standing of their local school orchestra or upon the recommendation of their private teacher when no local school orchestra is available. Once accepted students must commit to the full performance season listed above including all scheduled rehearsals and performances.

***Auditions and Acceptance:** Auditions are on August 19, 2025 from 5:15-7PM at Centennial High School in the orchestra room. Detailed information with a specific time slot, parking information, and room locations will be sent by email on or before August 19, 2025. Specified audition requirements and material for each instrument are posted on the [Fulton County Youth Orchestra](#) website.

Acceptance notifications will be sent by August 23, 2025. Once accepted, there is a \$300 membership fee that can be paid online (**PLEASE NOTE: PayPal applies a 4% convenience charges, making the grand total greater than \$300.**) or brought by check to the first rehearsal on **August 26, 2025**. Checks are to be payable to Fulton County Youth Orchestra (FCYO)

***Attendance:** Regular and prompt attendance at rehearsals is required. Attendance is taken at the beginning of the rehearsal. **Only two (2) excused absences per semester (fall/spring) are allowed.** A warning will be sent to parents, school director, and FCYO directors. Upon the third (3rd) absence, the student may be moved to a different seat or dropped from the group entirely. Students who are repeatedly tardy on arrival or pick-up are also subject to being removed from the FCYO. **No participation fees will be refunded.**

Rehearsals and Sectionals: Most rehearsals are majority on Tuesdays in the Centennial HS (CHS) Orchestra Room. See the calendar for dates and times. Please note there are a few required Monday rehearsals, particularly the week of the concert. Sectional rehearsals and auditions may be held in other rooms. Signs will be posted, and parents will be emailed indicating where students should report in the event of changes.

Musical Responsibility: Students must learn music at home so that rehearsal time may be spent on musical and ensemble concepts. Players who appear to be inadequately prepared on a regular basis may be reseated or dismissed from the orchestra. Periodic seating auditions will occur on assigned music. Private lessons are highly encouraged but not required. Instruments, strings, and bows should be kept in good repair. Always bring your instrument, a pencil, and the issued music and folder to every rehearsal. Music stands are not required for rehearsals but are suggested for home practice.

Uniform: The uniform of the FCYO is solid black. Black shirt or blouse, black pants or skirt, and black hosiery and black dress shoes. **Absolutely NO black jeans, sweatpants, white socks, or tennis shoes!**

Parking: Parking for rehearsals and performances is available at any open space near the Centennial High School auditorium after school is dismissed at 4:00 pm.

FCYO Parent Association: Parent are encouraged to become actively involved with volunteer opportunities for the orchestra. The jobs you help with really make a difference! **A list of tasks and help needed is included in the application.** Please check all areas you might help with if your child is selected as a member.

Contact Ms. Ahuama-Jonas at ahuamajonasj@fultonschools.org for any questions about volunteering opportunities.

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Calendar

The orchestra generally meets on Tuesdays with occasional Monday rehearsals to accommodate the week of performances. We also have an occasional week off for district-wide school events and **Fulton County Schools** holidays. Parents are to keep up to date with rehearsal [calendar](#) and announcements via email and the FCYO Parent GroupMe Group. All rehearsals take place at Centennial High School unless stated otherwise. This adjustment is denoted below as well as on the website's [calendar](#).

Auditions

August 19, 2025- 5:15-7:00PM at Centennial HS *Scale and Excerpt Requirements will be linked [HERE](#).*

Rehearsals-Fall Semester 2025

August 2025

26th

September 2025

9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

October 2025

7th, 21st, 28th

November 2025

4th (**at Johns Creek HS**), 10th (Dress Rehearsal 1), 11th (Dress Rehearsal 2)-**MANDATORY**

Fall Semester Concert

Thursday, **November 13, 2025 7:00 PM (CALL TIME 6:00 PM)**,
Centennial High School Auditorium

Rehearsals- Spring Semester 2026

January 2026

13th, 20th, 27th

February 2026

3rd, 10th, 24th

March 2026

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 30th (Dress Rehearsal 1), 31st (Dress Rehearsal 2)

Spring Semester Concert

Wednesday, **April 1, 2026 7:00 PM (CALL TIME 6:00 PM)**, Centennial HS Auditorium

Reception to Follow