

Hello—

Thank you for your interest in the VPA program here at NPHS. Even though our VPA program is in its first years, please know that our Orchestra Program is well established, and one of the best in the state. With consistent Straight Superior Ratings at Music Performance Assessments, and invitations to perform all around the globe, know that North Port High School Orchestra Program will give you the musical experience you deserve.

Below you will find the audition procedures and requirements necessary for acceptance into our program. You will see that there are two options to choose from:

- 1) VPA membership—Students who are comfortable and accomplished musicians who have developed skills in shifting and various key signatures, a variety of bowing techniques and skills, and have a controlled vibrato should pick this option.
- 2) Pre-VPA membership—Students who have been playing for at least one year and are proficient music readers, comfortable with standard notes and rhythms. This option requires a re-audition at the end of each school year of membership until full VPA status is achieved.

Our VPA and Pre-VPA members study and perform together, and receive the same instruction, therefore this is a fast-paced environment for our Pre-VPA members.

Other things to know—

Currently our VPA program rehearses exclusively after school (typically one day a week, TBA), and has other requirements that must be met each year to continue in the program. Please see the requirements on page 2/3.

To submit your audition, please prepare either the VPA or Pre-VPA audition materials, along with 3 scales/arpeggios (each played a minimum of 2 octaves) of your choosing. Please submit a video audition using the flipgrid website/app using this link. <https://flipgrid.com/nphsvpa>

Please make sure the video clearly shows your instrument and hands so that technique can be assessed.

If you have any questions, please email me.

Sincerely,



Lorianne Alegria

North Port High School

Music Department

## Pre-VPA requirements for Orchestra

### Freshman year –

- 2 orchestra classes, minimum.
- Must complete all Sightreading Factory requirements EACH WEEK
- Must participate in group lessons once per month and attend all scheduled rehearsals
- Must re-audition each year for VPA/Pre-VPA retention

### Sophomore year –

- 2 orchestra classes
- Must complete all Sightreading Factory requirements EACH WEEK
- Must participate in group lessons once per month and attend all scheduled rehearsals
- Must participate in Solo and Ensemble if a member of Advanced Orchestra (Small fee required)
- Must audition for VPA permanent status

### Junior year – (for late entry members)

- 2 orchestra classes
- Must complete all Sightreading Factory requirements EACH WEEK
- Must participate in group lessons once per month and attend all scheduled rehearsals
- Solo and Ensemble OR All-State audition if in Advanced Orchestra (small fee required)
- Must participate in ONE or more of the following:
  - School Musical
  - Community service hours with middle school orchestra (Heron Creek or Woodland)
  - Private Lessons with Private Teacher
  - Playing with any other outside group on your instrument on a regular basis (Must be documented)

“Fair Share” fundraising is required each year to help offset cost of group lessons.

**Private lessons are strongly encouraged for all VPA members, especially those wanting to pursue music at a college level!!!**

If requirements are not met each year, students will be put on “probation”, and removed from the VPA program if deficiencies are not corrected. Goals are calculated mid-year.

Students MUST be full members of VPA (no longer Pre-VPA) after 2 years, or they will be removed from the program.

Students are not allowed re-entry into Pre-VPA/VPA after removal—including voluntary removal by students.

## VPA requirements for Orchestra

### Freshman year –

- 2 orchestra classes, minimum.
- Must complete all Sightreading Factory requirements EACH WEEK
- Must participate in group lessons once per month and attend all scheduled rehearsals

### Sophomore year –

- 2 orchestra classes
- Must complete all Sightreading Factory requirements EACH WEEK
- Must participate in group lessons once per month and attend all scheduled rehearsals
- Must participate in EITHER private lessons OR a Summer Music Camp (Fees required)
- Must participate in Solo and Ensemble if a member of Advanced Orchestra (small fee required)

### Junior year –

- 2 orchestra classes PLUS one other music related class (can be another orchestra)
- Must complete all Sightreading Factory requirements EACH WEEK
- Must participate in group lessons once per month and attend all scheduled rehearsals
- Must participate in EITHER Private Lessons OR a Summer Music Camp (Fees required)
- Solo and ensemble AND All-State audition if in advanced orchestra (small fee required)
- Must participate in ONE or more of the following:
  - School Musical
  - Community service hours with middle/elementary school orchestra (Heron Creek, Woodland, Atwater)
  - Playing with any other outside group on your instrument on a regular basis (Must be documented)

### Senior year –

- 2 orchestra classes PLUS one other music related class (can be another orchestra)
- Must complete all Sightreading Factory requirements EACH WEEK
- Must participate in group lessons once per month and attend all scheduled rehearsals
- Must participate in Private Lessons
  - \*\*Private Lessons help facilitate a college audition, Fees required
- Solo and Ensemble AND All-State audition (small fee required)
- Must participate in TWO or more of the following:
  - School Musical
  - Community service hours with middle/elementary school orchestra (Heron Creek, Woodland, Atwater)
  - Playing with any other outside group on your instrument on a regular basis (Must be documented)

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