



Statesmen Orchestra Program Courses

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA- MJ Orchestra 1

Beginning Orchestra is intended for students with little to no experience on string instruments. This class is open to all JMS students. Students perform in multiple concerts throughout the year and are required to conduct themselves with a high level of maturity. Upon completion of the class, students will be able to read music and play either violin, viola, cello, or upright bass at an intermediate level, and are prepared to move on in the learning of their instrument at more advanced levels.

INTERMEDIATE (CONCERT) ORCHESTRA- MJ Orchestra 2

Intermediate (Concert) Orchestra is intended for those students that have either successfully completed JMS Beginning Orchestra, or have successfully completed two years at the elementary level (See JMS Orchestra Department Elementary String Student Achievement Benchmarks) on the violin, viola, cello, or upright bass. Students perform in multiple concerts and contests throughout the year and are required to perform as well as conduct themselves with a high level of maturity. Concert Orchestra is the training ground for the advanced ensemble, Chamber Orchestra. Students must demonstrate a high level of commitment and enthusiasm, plus complete the required pre-requisites in order to advance to the Chamber Orchestra.

PRE-REQUISITE: Earned an A in JMS Beginning Orchestra or successfully completed two years at the elementary level along with orchestra teacher recommendation.

ADVANCED (CHAMBER) ORCHESTRA- MJ Orchestra 2/3

Chamber Orchestra is an honors level orchestra course and is the premier performing orchestra at Jefferson Middle School. Students perform in multiple concerts, contests, and other events throughout the year and are required to perform as well as conduct themselves with a high level of maturity. All students have several years of playing experience before entering into this class.

PRE-REQUISITE: Ability to play the All-County Orchestra Audition Scales/Arpeggios along with being able to read and perform music at an advanced middle school level and above. Demonstration of high level of professionalism and musical maturity. No unexcused absences for required events in previous orchestra classes. All students must audition with the orchestra director.