

2020 GMEA District 12 Middle School Honor Orchestra
Audition Information

Dear Middle School Orchestra Students and Parents,

You are invited to audition for the 2020 Georgia Music Educators Association District 12 Middle School Honor Orchestra. Honor Orchestra will be held on Friday, March 27 and Saturday, March 28, 2020 at Sprayberry High School. Membership in this elite orchestra is an extraordinary accomplishment. If selected, you will perform in a high level group with the best musicians from all of the GMEA District 12 Middle Schools. An expert clinician from will direct each Honor Orchestra. You will receive an Honor Orchestra T-shirt. In order to participate in Honor Orchestra, you must successfully complete an audition. Auditions will be held on Saturday, February 8 at Palmer Middle School. Audition requirements are the following:

- I. Sight-Reading
- II. Orchestral excerpts from the Honor Orchestra music at marked tempos. Your director will give you the excerpts.

NO INSTRUMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE AUDITIONS.

The permission form for the auditions is attached. This should be turned in to your orchestra director. The audition fee is \$20.00, which may be paid in cash or check made payable to your school. The \$20.00 registration fee should be placed in an envelope and deposited in your school vault (the "black box"). Be sure to label the envelope "HONOR ORCHESTRA" and include your name, homeroom teacher, and grade. **BOTH the permission slip AND the registration fee are due to your orchestra teacher by December 16.** You will receive a specific audition time for Saturday, February 8 (which could be any time between 8:30am and 2:00 p.m.) from your orchestra director during the week of January 13).

The Honor Orchestra schedule at Sprayberry High School will be as follows:

Friday, March 27	6:30 p.m.-All participants report for first rehearsal. 7:00-9:00-first rehearsal <u>PICK UP TIME IS 9:00 P.M.</u>
Saturday, March 28	8:45 a.m.- report for rehearsal 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.- Rehearsal/Sectionals 12:00-12:45- Lunch-Bring a sack lunch 12:45-2:30- Rehearsal 3:00- CONCERT-Wear your Honor Orchestra T-shirt and jeans

STUDENTS MUST BE ABLE TO ATTEND ALL REHEARSALS

I hope you will accept the challenge and want to be a part of this year's GMEA District 12 Middle School Honor Orchestra. I look forward to seeing you at the audition on Saturday, February 8. Good luck!

Ashley Culley, Jessie Lewis and April O'Keefe
Honor Orchestra Organizers

2020 Cobb County Middle School Honor Orchestra Audition Permission

RETURN TO YOUR DIRECTOR BY DECEMBER 16.

Please remember to turn in the \$20.00 NON-REFUNDABLE audition fee in a school envelope.

Student's Name _____ Instrument _____

Participation Agreement

I certify that my child has permission to participate in the 2020 Georgia Music Educators Association District 12 Middle School Honor Orchestra auditions at Palmer Middle School on February 8. I agree to take full responsibility for my child's transportation to and from the audition and the Honor Orchestra event. I understand that if my child is accepted for Honor Orchestra, he or she must attend all of the rehearsals in order to participate in the concert and that if my child misses any part of the rehearsal time he or she will be excused from Honor Orchestra. I agree that if my child behaves inappropriately during the auditions or on the campus of Sprayberry High School during Honor Orchestra that he or she will be immediately dismissed from the event.

Parent Signature _____