



Hightower Trail Middle School Orchestra

Michael Tompkins & Paul O'Keefe, Directors

All-State Orchestras

All-State Orchestras: Students selected into these two orchestras are treated to a guest conductor and prepare a Saturday concert in Athens with orchestra students from all over Georgia.

Audition: The All-State Orchestra audition (District Level) will be held on **Saturday, October 13th at Kell High School**. *Before reading on*, be sure you're free from **8:30am-4:00pm on October 13th** and free for the **event weekend** you are auditioning for. Specific audition times will not be announced until September, and entry fees are non-refundable. The event weekend schedules will be announced after the audition. You will need to provide your own transportation to and from Kell High school and to and from the event weekend sites.

Help: The directors are available for help before school every day (8-9am), and after school (4:15-5:00pm based on appointment). If you take private lessons, tell your instructor that you are signing up so they can help you as well.

If you are not taking private lessons, we strongly encourage you to do so. Many of the students who make these orchestras take lessons.

To ensure that students are prepared and represent our orchestra well, they should play for the directors at these "performance checkpoints" before the audition. Please refer to the following calendar:

Thursday, 8/30	Entry Form and Fees due
by Friday, 8/31	Scale and arpeggio checkpoint
by Friday, 9/14	Etude checkpoint
by Friday, 10/5	Sight Reading checkpoint
Saturday, 10/13	All-State Orchestra District Level Audition @ Kell HS
Saturday, 1/12	All-State Orchestra State Level Audition @ Westminster Academy
Thursday, 2/28 – Saturday, 3/2	All-State Orchestras Weekend @ Athens, GA

We wish all participants the best of luck in their preparation and audition!

Michael Tompkins

Paul O'Keefe

All-State Orchestra 1st Round (District Level)

Audition Requirements

(Saturday, October 13th @ Kell High School)

1. Major Scales & Arpeggios (QN=60)

Violin	G and A Major 3 octaves
Viola	C and D Major, 3 octaves
Cello	C and D Major 3 octaves
Bass	F and G Major, 2 octaves

These will be given in class, or you can print them from the GMEA website (www.gmea.org).

2. Etude

This will be given in class, or you can print it from the GMEA website (www.gmea.org).

3. Sight Reading

One short sight reading piece (8-16 measures).

Hightower Trail Middle School Orchestra All-State Orchestras Entry Form

_____ would like to audition for the All-State Orchestras at Kell High School on Saturday, October 13th.

We have checked our schedule and cleared the dates necessary in the event that he/she makes the orchestra(s). We will provide our own transportation and understand that fees are non-refundable.

_____ **All-State Orchestra - \$25.00**

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Total Amount Enclosed: \$_____ (make check payable to *Hightower Trail Middle School*)

As a student, I will prepare to the best of my abilities for these events. I understand that this will require me to go above and beyond the regular classroom requirements of my fellow classmates. If chosen, I will represent Hightower Trail with my superior attitude and diligent work in rehearsals.

Student Signature: _____

As a parent, I understand that the fee for registration is non-refundable (GMEA policy). I will have my child present for the auditions and event weekends checked above.

Parent Signature: _____

USE A SCHOOL PAYMENT ENVELOPE:

School Payment Envelope <i>Sobre Para Uso de Pago Escolar</i>		Office Use Only <i>Para uso de la Oficina</i>
Student Name _____ <i>Nombre del Estudiante</i>	DATE _____ <i>Fecha</i>	Date _____ Received _____
Homeroom Teacher _____ <i>Maestra de Sal3n Hogar</i>	Grade _____ <i>Grado</i>	Account _____
No Change Can Be Returned / No habra cambio; envie cantidad exacta Send PTA and Lunch Money Separately <i>Envie el pago para PTA y para los almuerzos separado</i>		Cash \$ _____
Amount/Cantidad		Check \$ _____
\$ _____	Field Trip / Paseo _____ <i>Destination / Destino</i>	Check No. _____
\$ _____	Other / Otro _____ <i>Description / Descripci3n</i>	
\$ _____	Total Amount Enclosed <i>Cantidad de dinero incluido</i>	

Write "All-State Orchestra" on the other line.

ENTRY FORM AND FEES DEADLINE IS Thursday, August 30th .

The account# is 2905 Please write this on the envelope where it says account