



ORCHESTRA

Conservatory



2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

1 *School-Choice Information & Application*

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**CONTACT THE CONSERVATORY DIRECTOR
TO SCHEDULE AN AUDITION**

2 *Day of Audition & Interview*

Arrive early, dress appropriately, and be prepared to discuss why you would like to come to NSA, your musical & academic goals, and what positive qualities you have to offer NSA.

3 *Orchestra Audition Requirements*

Your scheduled in-person audition will require the following:

All Strings

- Two Major Scales: pick scales which are more difficult, two octaves preferred
- Two pieces of contrasting style:
 - a fast piece to demonstrate technique
 - a slow piece to demonstrate artistry
- No sight-reading is required



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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do you offer virtual auditions?

A: Virtual auditions are available. Please contact Mr. Rosson to discuss times for a virtual interview and file submission types.

Q: Do you offer AP and Dual enrollment classes?

A: Yes. We offer many AP and Dual enrollment classes. Many of our instrumental students are enrolled in these classes.

Q: Is there a fee to be in the Wind Band or Orchestral conservatories?

A: No. We do not charge any fees to be part of the class.

Q: How does your school approach Social-Emotional Learning?

A: We have some of the BEST counselors in the business. Not only are they focused on helping our students succeed, they provide regular opportunities to check-in with students when needed. We also have an SEL block each week where we focus on Social-Emotional Learning. All ensemble classes incorporate these strategies as well.

Q: For my in person audition, how early should I arrive and will there be space to warm up?

A: Doors will open at 9:15 am as the first audition begins at 10am. You should arrive on campus AT LEAST 45 minutes before your audition time. This gives you time to get settled, warm up in the warm up room, and find the audition location.

Q: Mr. Rosson, I made Mid-State as a 7th and/or 8th grader. Do you still offer the "Golden Ticket?"

A: Yes. Students who auditioned for, and made, any Mid-State Honor Band still submit an audition for ensemble placement and are assured recommendation for admission. If you are transferring from another state, please email Mr. Rosson at robert.rosson@mnps.org if your student participated in Honor Ensembles in said state.

Q: Does the audition cost money?

A: No.

Q: How many people will be in the room?

A: One. Mr. Rosson.

Q: How many copies of music should I bring and how long should my music be?

A: Bring YOUR copy of music and one copy for Mr. Rosson. Music should be 2 minutes in total.

Q: Can I use my Mid-State audition music?

A: Yes, you can use Mid-State music.

Q: How long will the interview portion last?

A: They typically run from five to eight minutes.

Q: I have completed my audition. What do I do next?

A: You are able to leave once your audition is completed. Results will not be posted. They will be sent via email from the MNPS Central Office or from Mr. Rosson.

