

**MPA**

**Information Packet**

**Important!!**

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**Due [Enter DATE]**

Hello orchestra families,

***Music Performance Assessment (MPA)*** is fast approaching! This is the biggest event of the orchestra year!!! It is imperative that *every student* in the orchestra attend! Here is the information:

**When is it?**

[Enter Date]

**Where is it?**

[Location]

**How are students getting to this event?**

We will be taking a bus to and from [Location].

*We will leave for [Location] at [Time], and will arrive back to [Location] around [Time].*

**Where do the musicians report to?**

Students will report to the orchestra room at [Time].

**What time is the performance?**

[Ensemble]: [Time]

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*We will be away for the field trip from [Insert] am-[Insert] pm.*

**Can I go see the performance at [Location]?**

Yes! The stage performance part of the MPA event is open and free to the public. We also invite parents into the sight-reading room after the stage performance.

*Please be considerate of the fact that* ***this is an evaluation event****. Orchestras are being graded on their performance by 4 expert judges. Bringing small children is not recommended.*

**FAQ**

**What do the performers need to wear?**

Orchestra uniform: [Insert uniform]

*This is a formal occasion; students out of uniform will not be allowed to perform!*

**How should audience members dress?**

Though there is not a required dress code, we request business casual attire from our audience members. The performers have put in a lot of work and we would like to respect their efforts.

**Who will be performing?**

From our school, [Ensemble(s)] will be performing. Every [insert: middle/high] school throughout the district will be represented at some point in this 3-day event.

**When does the concert end?**

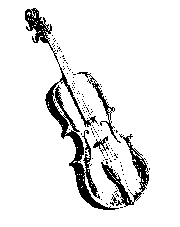
[Example - Fill out with your information: Concert Orchestra’s stage and sight-reading block is 11:00 warm up/11:30am stage/12:00 sight-reading. Chamber Orchestra’s block is 3:00 warm up/3:30pm stage/4:00 sight-reading.

**If I go, can I take my child home after they perform?**

Parents may “sign out” their students after the performances are finished, providing the director has received *written notification* of their release.

**Can the musicians sit with their families before/after they perform?**

Students will stay with their ensemble at all times while at the event.

MPA Information

[Possible itinerary]

[Date] [Time] [Location]

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| **Time** | **Ensemble 1** | **Ensemble 2** |
| **9:30am** | Report to Orchestra Room | |
| 10:00 | Depart for School | |
| 10:30 | Arrive at School | |
| **11:00** | **Warm Up** | Sit quietly in auditorium  (Watch [Insert other schools]) |
| **11:30** | **Stage Performance** |
| **12:00** | **Sightreading Evaluation** |
| 12:30 | Put instruments in cases, lunch break | Lunch break! |
| 1:30 | Watch performances  ([Insert other schools) | |
| 2:45 | Sit quietly in auditorium  ([Insert other schools]) | Retrieve instruments |
| **3:00** | **Warm Up** |
| **3:30** | **Stage Performance** |
| **4:00** | **Sightreading Evaluation** |
| 4:30 | Gather belongings from storage area | |
| 4:45 | Load bus & Depart for [Your School] | |
| **5:30** | **Arrive at [Your School], parent pick up** | |

* Whenever you are not performing, you are to be in the auditorium **actively listening** to other groups as part of your listening and writing assignment.
* Remember; DO NOT enter the auditorium while another group is performing. You must wait for applause.
* Inappropriate **concert etiquette** will not be tolerated. The judges are judging more than your stage performance.
* **Pack snacks**, or bring money if there is a concession stand. There will be an opportunity to grab an afternoon snack between groups. DO NOT eat in the auditorium.
* This is a **NO GUM** field trip.
* Cell phones are ONLY allowed to be used **on the bus** and **during lunch break**. At all other times they must remain completely OFF.
* You must be in appropriate **concert attire** (black button down uniform shirt, black pants, black socks, black shoes) when you arrive to school.
* Avoid excessive perfume, hair accessories, and jewelry (especially the noisy kind).
* Checklist:
  + Instrument/bow
  + YOUR music
  + Endpin stop/Shoulder rest
  + Bag lunch
  + Snacks/money for concessions
  + Other accessories (rosin, extra strings, etc)
* At all times during the MPA you are expected to be on your **best behavior**. Any student who misbehaves will call their parents to come pick them up and receive a zero as well as a referral.
* Parents are welcome and encouraged to come hear the performance. If you will be attending then taking your child home in your car, please notate that on the permission slip.

Chaperones

We are in need of **(6)** chaperones for this trip. Please notate your interest on the permission slip.