



2017 Orchestra Performance Evaluation

Dear Orchestra Parents and Students,

Each year the Northwestern Orchestras participate in only one competitive/adjudicated performance called Large Group Performance Evaluation (LGPE) sponsored by the Georgia Music Educators' Association (GMEA). All music performance groups throughout Fulton County Schools are required to participate in LGPE. At this event, the orchestra and I will be evaluated on our appearance, stage behavior, music selection, all aspects of our performance skills, and sight-reading ability. We will earn numeric ratings and comments by three certified GMEA Orchestra judges and one sight-reading judge. We will also have a short clinic with one of the judges that heard our stage performance. This event is a valuable learning opportunity and provides motivation for students to do their best on the chosen music. As you can imagine, every student is crucial to the success of the performance; therefore this is a mandatory performance for every orchestra member. GMEA District 5 LGPE site A will be held at Chattahoochee High School. Our stage performance is at **1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2017**. Please see the detailed schedule below.

The goals of Orchestra Large Group Performance Evaluation participation are:

- ♪ To raise the standards of musicianship, instrumentation, technical knowledge, and literature selection of performers
- ♪ To promote the development of musical knowledge as expressed in performance through evaluation, advice and suggestion
- ♪ To offer students, parents, and teachers the opportunity of extended listening to the best work of peer groups from other schools

TIME	NMS Orchestra Performance Evaluation Schedule- Wednesday, February 15
Night Before	Get uniform together, practice
Before School	Arrival at school IN FULL UNIFORM- (please see uniform requirements on website)
8:55	Combined rehearsal begins- Tuning/Warm-Up/Rehearsal/Reminders
10:30	Pack up all equipment and load buses
11:15	Lunch will be provided
11:50	Depart for Chattahoochee High School
12:15	Arrive at Chattahoochee High School
12:30	Warm Up Room
1:00	Stage Performance
1:30	Sight Reading and Clinic
2:00	Pack Up Instruments and visit concessions
2:30	Watch Woodward Academy Chamber Orchestra Performance Level III
3:00	Depart for NMS- students will be dismissed to buses by 4:05 but may not have time to change clothes

I will need at least 4 parent chaperones who can stay with us the entire day. Please email me if you can volunteer to go on this field trip. The uniform information and this letter are posted on the Orchestra website- <http://nmsperforms.org/orchestra/orchestra-forms/>. We have put a great deal of effort into preparation for this performance, and with your support we will have a successful learning experience. Please e-mail me if you have any questions regarding this event. (ChampionE@FultonSchools.org).

Mrs. Champion

Please return this page by Friday, February 3rd, 2017

**2017 Northwestern Middle School Orchestra Performance Evaluation
Wednesday, February 15th, 2017**

NAME _____

Student Signature

- ♪ I understand the importance of this performance and I will do my absolute best to learn and perform the music to the best of my ability.
- ♪ I understand that I must wear the complete and correct NMS Orchestra uniform, which includes the blue orchestra polo, black dress pants, black socks, and dress shoes.
- ♪ I agree to be punctual, quiet, and to follow directions while at Orchestra Performance Evaluation. I realize that I should be independent and refrain from asking multiple questions during the LGPE event.
- ♪ I know that I should stay with the group at all times and follow the printed schedule.
- ♪ I will be respectful of teachers and students from other schools and courteous during their performances, observing proper concert etiquette in the Chattahoochee theater.
- ♪ I understand that my preparation, behavior, participation, and performance at this event will affect my entire orchestra class.

Student Signature _____

I certify that my son or daughter will participate in the Performance Evaluation Concert at Chattahoochee High School on **February 15** according to the schedule wearing the complete and correct NMS Orchestra uniform. I understand that this is an excused absence from school but that my son or daughter is expected to make up any work missed.

Parent or Guardian Signature _____

Thank you for your support during this very busy time!

Mrs. Champion