



2019 Eighth Grade 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 Northview High School. Our stage performance for Eighth Grade is **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 14, 2019.**

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 8th grade Orchestra Performance Evaluation Schedule- Thursday, February 14
Day Before	Mrs. Champion will be with 7 th grade performance- final preparations in class
Night Before	Get uniform together, practice, pack change of clothes
7:30-7:45 a.m.	Arrive at school in complete and full uniform, load equipment onto bus (upper strings go directly to the bus, cellists and bassists go in building and leave backpacks and change of clothes in OR)
8:00 a.m.	Depart on bus to travel to Northview HS
8:30 a.m.	Arrive at Northview High School and report directly to the stage for warmup and performance
9:00 a.m.	Stage performance
9:30 a.m.	Sight reading room and clinic
10:30 a.m.	Watch Woodward Academy Concert Orchestra
11:00 a.m.	Load bus to return to NMS
11:30 a.m.	Return to NMS, change clothes, and report to lunch by 11:57 a.m.

All students need to wear the complete orchestra uniform for all performances. Please make sure your child has black dress pants, (no jeans), black dress shoes (no white on shoes, no tennis shoes), *black* socks (no white socks), and the orchestra polo. See the back for the complete description.

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.

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Mrs. Champion

Please return this page by Friday, February 1st, 2019

2019 Northwestern Middle School Eighth Grade Orchestra Performance Evaluation
Thursday, February 14th, 2019

Student Guidelines

- ♪ 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 Northview High School theater.
- ♪ I understand that my preparation, behavior, participation, and performance at this event will affect my entire orchestra class.

PRINT STUDENT NAME _____

Student Signature _____

I certify that my son or daughter will participate in the Performance Evaluation Concert at Northview High School on **February 14** 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 _____

CHAPERONES ONLY

I will be a chaperone for this trip and I am registered or will register as a Fulton County Schools Volunteer. I can ride the bus to and from the event.

Printed parent chaperone name _____ Cell phone number _____

Chaperone Signature _____

THANK YOU in advance for being willing to help with this important event! -Mrs. Champion