



Lassiter High School Orchestra

VIOLA PACKET

2025-2026 Placement Auditions

Dear orchestra student,

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for the **Lassiter High School Orchestra**! Placement auditions are required only for Sinfonia (advanced “Junior Varsity”) and Symphony (mastery “Varsity”). You will prepare required a scales and an etude for each audition. Students auditioning for Chamber **MUST** complete the Sinfonia **AND** the Chamber Audition.

No audition is required for Concert Orchestra (9th grade) or Philharmonia (10th-12th grade).

Please read and carefully follow the directions below...

1. Record your audition video

- * You should submit **ONE** video of the scale and required excerpts.
- * In the video, state your first and last name, your current school, and your instrument
- * You may edit your video to put the scales and etudes/excerpts together. Partial clips/cuts of scales, etudes, of excerpts should not be spliced together.

Tips:

- * Be sure that the lighting is good and both the image and audio are clear.
- * Be sure that your video isn’t flipped (Remember, the bow should be in the right hand!)
- * See video filming guidelines on following page.

2. Join the LHSO Audition Team

- * Login to **Microsoft Teams** with your CCSD ID and password
- * Add a new Team and use the join code: **032935m**



3. Upload your videos to the appropriate assignment(s)

- * Upload your video to the appropriate Team assignment
- * Assignment example: “VIOLIN - Sinfonia audition”

4. Complete the Audition registration form in Teams

- * The form will provide Dr. Laux with all of your contact information

NOTE: IF you are auditioning for Chamber Orchestra, you must also submit BOTH the Sinfonia audition AND the Chamber audition to the appropriate assignment.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Friday, April 4, 2025 at 11:59 PM

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns. Results will be posted sometime before the end of the school year. I look forward to seeing you next year in orchestra!

Sincerely,

Dr. Charles Laux, Orchestra Director
Charles.Laux@cobbk12.org



Questions/FAQ’s? LassiterOrchestra.org/auditions



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Getting the proper camera angles for videos

Violin & Viola players should be at an angle to the camera and the entire left hand/arm and entire right hand and bow stroke should be visible. The music stand should be out in front of you and away from the shot.



Cello players should be straight on to the camera as possible. This may require that you move the music stand to your left.



Double Bass players should also be straight on to the camera. This may require that you move the music stand to your left.

If you are using a phone, a vertical (portrait) mode video may be best for bassists.



Be sure your video isn't flipped horizontally (Bow goes in the right hand!)



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VIOLA - SINFONIA (LEVEL 3)

More information at <https://lassiterorchestra.org/auditions>



Sinfonia Orchestra is an auditioned advanced-level orchestra for students in grades 9-12. This orchestra is considered the “Junior Varsity” orchestra at Lassiter.

Sinfonia includes advanced instruction in performance techniques with emphasis placed on technical and musical skills through the study of mainly grade 4-5 string orchestra repertoire. Individual practice outside of class time is necessary for successful mastery of performance standards. Private lessons are encouraged.

[CCSD Course Name: HS Advanced Orchestra.] *Prerequisite: Audition*

1. C Major Scale & Arpeggio

3 octaves, Two eighth notes **slurred** (eighth notes = 120 BPM)

Notes:

- The provided fingerings are merely suggestions. Students taking private lessons should use those fingerings as provided by their teacher.
- Students do not have to follow the rhythms shown below for the scales.
- The use of a “Galaman turn” is encouraged but not required.

Three Octaves

C Major





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2. Meyer: *Millennium*

QN = 104, 4/4 Time

Musical score for Meyer's *Millennium*, measures 150-160. The score is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a dynamic range from *fp* (fortissimo piano) to *ff* (fortissimo). Measures 150-151 contain triplet eighth notes. Measure 152 is marked with a box and a square symbol. Measure 153 has a downward-pointing arrow above it. Measure 156 has an upward-pointing arrow above it. Measure 157 has a 'V' symbol above it. Measure 160 has a '(V)' symbol above it. The piece concludes with a *rit.* (ritardando) marking.

Maestoso QN = 90, 4/4 Time

Musical score for *Maestoso*, measures 161-167. The score is in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a dynamic marking of *f* (forte). Measure 165 has a circled '7' above it. Measure 167 ends with a *molto rit.* (molto ritardando) marking.

3. Gliere/arr. Isaac: *Russian Sailor's Dance*

QN = 120, 2/4 Time

Musical score for *Russian Sailor's Dance*, measures 11-18. The score is in G minor (two flats) and 2/4 time. Measure 11 is circled and has a dynamic marking of *f* (forte). Measure 12 is circled and has a dynamic marking of *f*. Measure 13 is circled and has a dynamic marking of *f*. Measure 14 is circled and has a dynamic marking of *f*. Measure 15 is circled and has a dynamic marking of *f*. Measure 16 is circled and has a dynamic marking of *f*. Measure 17 is circled and has a dynamic marking of *f*. Measure 18 is circled and has a dynamic marking of *ff* (fortissimo). The piece concludes with a *ff* marking.



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VIOLA - CHAMBER (LEVEL 4)

IMPORTANT: Students auditioning for Chamber Orchestra MUST also submit an audition video for Sinfonia

Chamber Orchestra is comprised of students in grades 9-12 who are at the highest skill level, serving as the elite string ensemble and the string section of the LHS Symphony Orchestra. Chamber Orchestra is considered the “Varsity” orchestra at Lassiter.

Students in this course will demonstrate a mastery level of proficiency on violin, viola, cello, bass. Students should be prepared to complete rigorous performance assessments and spend time outside of class for rehearsals and performances. Individual practice outside of class time is necessary for successful mastery of performance standards. Private lessons are highly encouraged.

[CCSD Course Name: HS Mastery Orchestra] *Prerequisite: Audition*

1. E melodic minor scale & arpeggio

3 octaves, quarter note detached (quarter note = 80 BPM)

Notes:

- The provided fingerings are merely suggestions. Students taking private lessons should use those fingerings as provided by their teacher.
- Students do not have to follow the rhythms shown below for the scales.
- The use of a “Galamian turn” is encouraged but not required.

E Melodic Minor

Three Octaves





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2. Schubert: *Symphony No. 8, "Unfinished" I. Allegro Moderato*

QN = 104, 3/4 time

60 **B** *ff* *f* *f* *cresc.* *f*

73 *p* *f*

80 *ff* *f* *f*

87 *f* *f* *f* *f*

3. Fauré: *Requiem, I. Introit et Kyrie*

QN = 90, 4/4 time

f

p dolce p

f

p ff sostenuto. dim. **E**