



2023 Orchestra Performance Evaluation

Dear Orchestra Parents and Students,

Each year the Northwestern Orchestras are required to participate in only one competitive/adjudicated performance. This event is sponsored by the Georgia Music Educators Association (GMEA) and is called Large Group Performance Evaluation (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 GMEA-certified Orchestra judges and one sight-reading judge. We may also have a clinic and watch other orchestras perform. This event is a valuable learning opportunity and provides motivation for students to do their best on the chosen music. As you can imagine, each individual student's performance skills are crucial to the success of this performance. We will perform in front of other schools' students, teachers, and parents as well as the four judges, which could be stressful for some students. Students must be able to adequately play the advanced level music as demonstrated by their SmartMusic assessments. Students should have an average of 90% or higher on the LGPE SmartMusic assessments. This trip is optional and participation has no effect on other trips or concerts. Students who opt out should simply not return the permission form.

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 to listen to the best work of peer groups from other schools

GMEA District 5 LGPE Site A will be held at North Atlanta High School. Our stage performance is **1:10 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023**. Here is our general schedule:

TIME	NMS Orchestra Performance Evaluation Schedule- Tuesday, Feb 14 th , 2023
Night Before	Get uniform together, practice, pack uniform, pack snacks
Before School	Drop off uniform and instrument in OR, go to first period as normal
9:45 a.m.	Dress in full and complete uniform during second period, be ready to rehearse by 3 rd period
10:11 a.m.	Combined rehearsal during 3 rd period
11:03-11:33 a.m.	All students go to 6 th grade lunch and then load bus
11:33 a.m.	Depart NMS for North Atlanta High School, go straight to stage, unpack backstage, tune/warm up
1:10 p.m.	STAGE PERFORMANCE- North Atlanta High School Auditorium
1:30 p.m.	Sight reading and clinic
2:10 p.m.	Watch Crabapple Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra performance
2:40 p.m.	Watch Autrey Mill Middle School 8th Grade Orchestra performance
3:00 p.m.	Load bus to return to NMS by dismissal

We need 10-12 parent chaperones to assist with this trip. We will have to quickly move a lot of equipment from place to place without leaving anything behind. Students will need to be supervised during other groups' performances. String basses will need to be driven, as they cannot go inside or underneath the bus.

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 10th, 2023

Northwestern Middle School Orchestra Performance Evaluation
Tuesday, February 14th, 2023

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 North Atlanta High School auditorium.
- ♪ 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 field trip to North Atlanta 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 will ride the bus with students

_____ I am available to drive equipment in my large vehicle if necessary

Printed parent chaperone name _____ Cell phone number _____

Chaperone Signature _____

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