

## Chamber Orchestra Audition Requirements

Conducted by Javan Carson, this orchestra was formed to create a high-level string ensemble, to perform advanced chamber literature. This is a program for students who have played for several years and have had private lessons. The Chamber Orchestra concentrates on refining students' orchestral playing techniques by focusing on ensemble skills, sight-reading, advanced playing positions, and advanced bowing techniques. Students must audition to participate in the program.

Rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:40 - 9:10 pm.

### Chamber Orchestra participants:

- Can tune their own instrument
- Can sight-read in 1st through 3rd positions (violins/violas), 1st through 4th (cellos)
- Are familiar with keys up to 4 sharps and 3 flats
- Are able to play spiccato at different speeds and have started working on more advanced bow techniques
- Violins and violas can play fluently in 1st through 3rd positions and can play in 4th and 5th positions (Violas should have basic knowledge of treble clef). Cellos can play fluently in 1st through 4th positions and have basic knowledge of tenor clef
- Can play with fluent vibrato
- Have had several years of ensemble experience
- Are a member of their school's instrumental music program

### Skill Level:

- Orchestra music: Grade 3.5 - 5
- Suzuki level: late Book 4 - Book 7 (violin), late Book 4 - 6 (viola and cello)
- Ages: 11 - Senior in high school

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- a 3-octave scale based on the key of your solo
- a solo of your choice (about 2-3 minutes) that shows your highest level of technique on your instrument
- at the audition, you will be given a short excerpt to sight-read

The season begins with a three-day summer music camp at the Arvada Center.

**Tuition:** \$450 for the season

**Summer Camp Tuition:** \$135

**Audition Fee:** \$20

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August 2025 - April 2026