

UCMEA All-County Junior High Orchestra Festival
Information Page 2008-09

- I. All string students, grades 6 through 8, who reside in Ulster County, are eligible to audition for the UCMEA All-County Junior High Orchestra. Students in districts with string programs must be members of their school's string program. Students in districts without string programs will audition and participate under the sponsorship of the school they attend (or would attend, if they are home schooled).

Students who are in sixth grade have the option of auditioning for the Elementary All-County Orchestra of the Junior High All-County Orchestra

Students who are in eighth grade have the option of applying to be members of the High School All-County Orchestra or auditioning for the Junior High All-County Orchestra

Students must make their choice before applying/auditioning.

- II. Students interested in auditioning for the Junior High Orchestra will need to fill out the Registration Form and forward it to their Orchestra teacher, or, in the case of a district without a string program, it may be forwarded to the student's private teacher or school band director. Teachers should forward these registration letters to:

Mrs. Melissa Murphy
Junior High Orchestra Chairperson
J. Watson Bailey Middle School
118 Merlina Ave.
Kingston, NY 12401

The chairperson will then notify the **teacher** of the student's audition time.

- III. Auditions will be held at J. Watson Bailey Middle School in Kingston, NY on Saturday, January 10, 2009. Orchestra auditions will run concurrent with the band auditions. Times will be between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (The snow date is January 11, 2009)

- IV. The dates of the Festival are:

Saturday, February 28, 2009

Rehearsal at M. Clifford Miller School, Kingston, NY
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 28, 2009 (Snow date, Sunday March 29, 2009)

All-Day Festival at M. Clifford Miller School, Kingston, NY
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Concert
(students will need to bring a bag lunch)

According to UCMEA rules, students may not miss ANY portion of ANY rehearsal. Please do not have students audition if they cannot attend ALL scheduled times and dates listed above.

- V. The audition excerpts should be given to students **NO EARLIER than October 15, 2008**. Questions should be directed to Melissa Murphy at 845-943-3576 or email at mmurphy@kingstoncityschools.org
- VI. Students should prepare three, one octave scales and the enclosed excerpts to perform at the audition. There is no sight reading. Students should know the key signatures for the scales they will play.