

2018-2019 Select Strings Audition Information and Permission Slip

REHEARSALS: Select Strings musicians rehearse before school every **Tuesday** and **Friday** morning from 6:45-7:45 a.m. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 11th. Students are expected to arrive between 6:30-6:40 a.m. in order to unpack, warm-up and be ready to play at 6:45 a.m. Late arrivals will impact continued participation.

AUDITIONS: Membership into this honors orchestra is based on an audition. Students interested in auditioning must turn in this permission slip and will be assigned an after-school audition time. This year's auditions will be held at Scullen Middle School on Tuesday, September 4th. Auditions will last about five minutes each, and students are asked to arrive 20 minutes early to unpack, warm-up, and locate their audition room. Parents may stay to wait for your children.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: Students will be asked to play a two-octave scale (violin-D Major, viola/cello/bass-G Major), two of the listed excerpts from the ILMEA music packet, and one-two minutes of a solo of their choice. ILMEA music was available last spring and is available if you email Mrs. Lein at Stephanie_Lein@ipsd.org.

PRIVATE LESSONS: Due to the advanced level of music that this ensemble performs, Select Strings musicians are strongly encouraged to take private lessons once per week. Students who take private lessons often achieve greater success on the challenging music and become strong leaders in Select Strings and in their orchestra class. Private lesson lists can be found at www.gregoryorchestras.weebly.com/private-lesson-information.html or email Mrs. Lein to request a copy of recommended teachers.

Audition Date: Tuesday, September 4, 2018
Audition Times: Between 3:45-6 p.m. (schedule will be published after all forms are in)
Audition Location: Scullen Middle School

To be scheduled for an audition, please sign and return this permission slip to Mrs. Lein by **Tuesday, August 28th**

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Musician Name _____ Instrument _____

If selected for Select Strings, I understand that participation is an honor, a privilege, and an extra responsibility that I am agreeing to undertake. I agree to the following (check the circles, please):

- Attendance at all rehearsals unless there is illness or family emergency
- Arriving to rehearsals on time (this means in your seat and ready to tune at 6:45 a.m.)
- Attendance at all performances (please see attached calendar for dates)
- Preparation of all music to the very best of my ability
- Excellent participation in Technique Class and my Grade Level Orchestra

Musician Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

2018-2019 Select Strings Dates

Date	Event	Time	Location
9/11/2018	Select Strings First rehearsal	6:45 a.m.	Gregory
9/28/2018	ILMEA Auditions (optional)	TBA	Yorkville
10/2/2018	NO Select Strings (8 th grade dress rehearsal)		
10/15/2018	Orchestra Concerts	6:30 & 8 p.m.	Gregory
10/16/2018	NO Select Strings (Concert last night)		
11/10/2018	ILMEA Festival (Selected students)	All Day	Huntley
12/4/2018	NO Select Strings (STARs breakfast)		
12/7/2018	NO Select Strings (8th grade dress rehearsal)		
12/12/2018	Honors Ensemble Triptych Concert	7 p.m. (arrive 6:15p.m.)	Gregory
12/18/2018	NO Select Strings (Grade level Triptych concerts last night)		
12/21/2018	NO Select Strings (MODs event)		
2/16/2019	Solo and Ensemble Festival - Perform a solo	Individual times TBA	Gregory
3/5/2019	NO Select Strings (8th grade dress rehearsal)		
3/11/2019	Orchestra Concerts	6:30 & 8 p.m.	Gregory
3/15/2019	District 204 Middle School Orchestra Festival	TBA	Crone
4/23/2019	NO Select Strings (STARs Breakfast)		
5/8/2019	Honors Concert	7 p.m.	Gregory
5/18/2019	Fine Arts Festival	All Day	Neuqua

- Select Strings rehearses every Tuesday and Friday morning starting at 6:45 a.m. unless otherwise noted above or communicated by Mrs. Lein.
- Arrive between 6:30-6:40 a.m. in order to tune and be ready to start rehearsal on time.
- Please contact Mrs. Lein with any questions at Stephanie_Lein@ipsd.org