



Registration and Audition Information
for
Instrumental Music

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Instruments Offered

<i>Woodwinds</i>	<i>Brass</i>	<i>Percussion</i>	<i>Strings</i>
Flute Clarinet Bass Clarinet Oboe Alto Saxophone Tenor Saxophone Baritone Saxophone Bassoon	Trumpet French Horn Euphonium/Baritone Trombone Tuba	<i>CLASSICAL PERCUSSION.</i> There is <u>NOT</u> drumset offered at LSA unless you are an advanced player for an extracurricular jazz band.	Violin Viola Cello Upright Bass We do <u>NOT</u> offer guitar, ukulele, or bass guitar.

— If you are interested in taking instrumental music, consider the following criteria:

- Do you currently play a **woodwind, brass, or concert percussion** instrument?
 - If you **currently** play one of these instruments and would like to audition for higher placement, audition to place into a higher level of **Concert Band** or enter into **Wind Ensemble**.
 - See the placement audition procedures in the FAQ.
- Do you want to learn how to play a **woodwind, brass, or concert percussion instrument**?
 - Sign up for **Concert Band (Beginning)** to learn from scratch.
 - Course Request: Band Scheduling
- Do you currently play classical **violin, viola, cello, or upright bass**?
 - Sign up for **Orchestra** (Course Request: Strings 2 Scheduling)
 - You should audition if you are a current player to receive a higher placement.
 - See the placement audition procedures in the FAQ.
- Do you want to learn how to play classical violin, viola, cello, or upright bass?
 - Sign up for **Strings (Beginning)** to learn from scratch
 - Course Request:
- Do you have **ADVANCED** training (years) of music-reading piano, guitar, or drum set?
 - Audition for the **after-school jazz ensemble**. **MUST READ MUSIC!**



FAQs

- *I've never played an instrument before. I can't read music. Can I sign up for band or strings?*
 - **Yes!** We teach instruments from scratch at LSA. However, if you are joining at the high school level without any prior experience, we *highly* recommend taking private lessons while the student is enrolled. You will be taught basic skills in reading and playing, but the class will move **VERY** quickly. Outside training is strongly encouraged to avoid being flustered and left behind.
 - It's also quite helpful to also sign up for **Fundamentals of Music**.

- *I play a rock or pop instrument like guitar or drum set. Can I join?*
 - We do **not** currently offer curricular ensembles geared toward rock or pop instruments. You are welcome to join a class to learn a new classical instrument listed above.
 - NOTE: These instruments ARE offered in an advanced instrumental **jazz** after school ensemble. Students playing these instruments in jazz MUST be able to read music, understand chords and pitches, and have had several years of experience.
 - LSA also has a jazz club that is open to all students.

- *Do I have to audition?*
 - **No.** Without an audition, you will be placed in a **Beginning** level coded course.
 - Auditions **ARE** recommended for students with several years of experience to avoid being automatically placed into a beginner course where a student may not be challenged.

- *What is the placement audition procedure?*
 - If you would like to submit a **virtual** audition, fill out the form linked below. The audition form will ask for two videos:
 - 1 to 2 minutes of a classical solo, displaying your development, range, and technical skill on your principal instrument.
 - As many scales as you are comfortable performing, in as many octaves as you can achieve with success.
 - Submit auditions via: <https://forms.gle/XKASVBdx5LUkUPU28>
 - **Virtual auditions are due by Friday, May 31st, 2024 at 5pm**
 - **If you are interested in scheduling an in-person audition, sign up with Student Services for a time during the Admitted Students Day on May 4th, 2024.**
 - 1 to 2 minutes of a classical solo, displaying your development, range, and technical skill on your principal instrument.
 - As many scales as you are comfortable performing, in as many octaves as you can achieve with success.

If you have questions, you are welcome to email rose@longleafschool.com for more information.