

HONORS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Listed below are the criteria students must meet in order to apply for “Honors” credit in Instrumental Music.

- ❑ Honors applicants must have successfully received a minimum of two years of regular (four semesters’) High School Strings or Band credit.
- ❑ Honors applicants must be a current Junior or Senior
- ❑ Honors applicants must have successfully participated in Marching Band or String Orchestra and a Concert Ensemble in their freshman and sophomore years. Both String and Band Students must have participated in two school ensembles per year
- ❑ Honors applicants must have received an “A” for all four semesters of Band or Strings in their freshman and sophomore years.
- ❑ Honors applicants must have successfully prepared all of the requirements for their grade level for the South Carolina Region Band or String Auditions and participated in the state audition prior to enrolling in “Honors” Band or Strings.
- ❑ Honors applicants must have previously participated in the South Carolina Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Requirements for “Honors Instrumental Music” Students:

Once these students are admitted to the “Honors” Music section they will be required to successfully complete the requirements listed below.

- ❑ Meet or exceed all of the Standards as stated in the Music Education section of the South Carolina Visual and Performing Arts Curriculum Standards.
- ❑ Meet or exceed all of the components as stated in the curriculum for Honors Band, Grades 11 and 12 for Anderson School District V.
- ❑ Participate successfully in Marching Band or String Orchestra
- ❑ Participate successfully in a School Concert Ensemble or a second school string group such as “Chamber Strings” or Full Orchestra.
- ❑ Participate successfully in one additional school or approved community ensemble such as Jazz Ensemble or Percussion Ensemble. Community ensembles must be formally organized groups that meet and perform on a regular schedule such as the Anderson Symphony. Community groups must be approved for consideration for this requirement.
- ❑ Participate in the South Carolina Region Band or String Auditions
- ❑ Participate in the South Carolina Solo and Ensemble Festival with a minimum Grade IV Composition.
- ❑ Demonstrate proficiency in Music Theory through participation in the State Music Theory Exam given during the State Solo and Ensemble Festival or through an approved exam administered by the student’s supervising teacher.

Additional Considerations

- Students must apply for admission to “Honors Instrumental Music” in accordance with the criteria listed in this document.
- Students identified for “Honors Instrumental Music” will be scheduled in a class that will contain mixed levels of Students. This is due to the fact that the ensembles are organized according to instrumentation and size and scheduling issues that dictate the master schedule.
- No one single class will be identified as “Honors Music”.
- Detailed requirements and specifics of “Honors Music” are contained in the curriculum for Honors Band and Strings.
- Honors students will be graded in strict accordance with this curriculum
- Students who are enrolled in but do not meet the requirements of the class will be granted “regular” non-weighted credit for the class.
- In order to meet the requirement for Honors Weighted Credit, the student will have to participate in their instrumental music class for both the fall and spring semesters.
- Weighted credit will be applied after the successful completion of all the requirements at the end of the spring semester.

Signatures below signify that:

- The Student listed is applying for admission to Honor’s Band or Strings.
- The Student has met the criteria for admission to Honor’s Band or Strings
- The Students and Parents understand the stipulations of the honor’s class and further understand that honor’s credit will be granted only after the student has successfully completed these requirements.
- The Director’s Signature indicates that the student has met the criteria and is given permission for enrollment in Honor’s Band or Strings.

Students’ Name: _____ Grade Level: _____
(Print full name)

Student’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Director’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

