



## MUSIC PROGRAM INFORMATION 2011 PREPAREDNESS ASSESSMENT FOR BAND & ORCHESTRA

### AUDITIONS for Band & Orchestra

In order to participate in the IMSA Music program, all students must audition. The audition is designed to determine each student's preparedness for the band or orchestra. All students must audition at Orientation on either June 29/30 or July 1/2. Students will sign up for an audition time upon arrival at Orientation.

The audition will consist of a five minute, live audition with Mary Beth McCarthy. The student will prepare a solo or etude of his/her choice. Please choose a slow excerpt to showcase tone, and a fast excerpt to showcase technique. The second part of the audition may also require scales and sight-reading. Please remember to bring an instrument and percussion sticks and mallets.

Only about 5% of those students who audition will become members of the top ensembles. It is also possible that a student will display skills below the levels needed to be successful in class. If this occurs, the student and teacher will discuss the options available.

Students will be notified of the decision concerning acceptance into the Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Chamber Strings, and String Orchestra, when schedules are finalized. Upon acceptance by Mary Beth McCarthy, the student may sign up for the prescribed music class.

For more information, you are welcome to contact Mary Beth McCarthy, Director of Instrumental Music.

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