

YOUTH ORCHESTRAS OF SAN ANTONIO



Which String Camp orchestra is right for me?

YOSA Summer String Camp offers six different orchestras for students of varying ability levels. Our goal is to place each camper in the orchestra that will be the most fun and educational for that individual. In choosing your desired orchestra placement, the most important question to ask yourself is “Can I play the audition music for that orchestra?”. Below are descriptions of each orchestra to help you make your choice. Each orchestra has a general grade and years-playing range as a guide but exceptions are common.

Orchestra A

Orchestra A is the most advanced of the six ensembles. The typical Orchestra A student is in or will be entering high school at the start of next school year. It is not unusual for an advanced middle school player to make Orchestra A. The typical Orchestra A student has been playing an instrument for at least 3-4 years and possibly 2 years if taking private lessons.

Orchestra B

The typical Orchestra B student is in or will be entering middle school at the start of next school year. It is not unusual for an advanced middle school player to make Orchestra B. The typical Orchestra B student has been playing an instrument anywhere from 2-4 years and possibly 1 year if taking private lessons.

Orchestra C

Orchestra C does not require an audition, but will have a music reading test on the first day of camp. The typical Orchestra C student is in late elementary school or early middle school. The typical Orchestra C student has been playing an instrument for 2 years.

Orchestra D

Orchestra D does not require an audition. The typical Orchestra D student is in elementary school. An Orchestra D student usually has been playing an instrument for 1 year.

Orchestra X

Orchestra X is the jazz and pops orchestra for any student who wants a break from the classical realm. The typical Orchestra X student is in or will be entering middle school at the start of next school year. The typical Orchestra X student has been playing an instrument anywhere from 2-4 years and possibly 1 year if taking private lessons.

Orchestra Y

Orchestra Y does not require an audition. The average orchestra Y student is in middle school and has been playing an instrument for 2 years or less.