

MHS Orchestra - Course Offerings

All 8th Graders will audition for placement in one of these two classes at the end of 4th quarter. Mr. Martin and Mr. Getz will help them with the audition process.

- **Concert Strings**

- *This course is recommended for most 8th graders.*
- The goal of Concert Strings is to develop students into independent musicians through the teaching of advanced ensemble and practice techniques.
- Mr. Getz and Mr. Martin lead all sectionals.
- Concert Strings performs annually at the Morton Orchestra Festival at the end of February.
- Repertoire is chosen from advanced arrangements ranging from Grade 3.5 to Grade 4.5.

- **Symphonic Strings**

- *This course is recommended for advanced players and requires a lengthier amount of material to be learned to audition.*
- The goal of Symphonic Strings is to perform the highest level of String Orchestra repertoire by means of independent student practice and advanced rehearsal techniques.
- Student section-leaders lead all sectionals.
- Symphonic Strings performs annually at the Krannert Orchestra Festival at the Univ. of Illinois in February.
- Repertoire is chosen from original compositions by master composers.