

Maine Summer Youth Music (MSYM)Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is a day at MSYM like?** Our day starts at 8 am and ends between 8 and 8:30 pm depending on the evening concert or activity. Our day is broken up into eight 55 minute periods followed by an after dinner performance or activity.
2. **What will my students' schedule look like?** Schedules are finalized on registration day. Each ensemble rehearses 2 periods a day and there are some music classes scheduled opposite rehearsals if your student is not in an ensemble during that period. Concert Band and Choir has a 3rd period for sectionals where students get group instruction on like parts with master teachers in that area.
3. **Are there auditions?** Yes, on day one all instrumentalists and select voice parts will be auditioned for placement in the ensembles so they are placed in a spot that closest matches their ability shown at auditions. Vocal auditions for SSAA and Musical theater will have specific things sent out in June. Instrumentalists simply need to play a short piece they have played before (30 second to one minute) and play a scale and maybe do a short sight reading example.
4. **Are there Jazz Band Auditions?** Yes, if you plan on audition on your primary instrument then you tell the people in your room that you want the audition to count for Jazz too, if you are auditioning on a secondary instrument(IE Flute player that also plays trombone etc) Then go to your primary instrument audition room first then secondary for Jazz Band only.
5. **Jazz Rhythm Sections** Bass Guitar, Guitar, Drumset, Piano need to report to a separate room for those parts. Percussion should go to the percussion room first then Jazz second.
6. For registration day there will be signs and people around to help guide you through this process.
7. This all will be updated to reflect any changes in registration day.