

Information

Forte Auditions for the 2024/2025 school year are set for the week of May 20th - 23rd. There are three (3) parts to the audition. Two of these parts are individual, the third will be a group audition. Please read the information carefully regarding the audition process.

Step 1 - Join the Audition Google Classroom
Join Code: **vqxgxmf**

Step 2 - Fill out the Forte Audition Registration Form
Please have this form completed by Friday, May 17th.

Step 3 - Sign up for your INDIVIDUAL Audition time slot
Please sign up for your time slot by Friday, May 17th. Information about the individual audition is found below.

Step 4 - Sign up for your GROUP Audition time slot
Group auditions are held during 7th period and involve participation with current Forte singers. Please sign up for your time slot by Friday, May 17th. Information about the group audition is found below.

Individual Audition Details

You will meet with Mrs. Ewing individually to assess your pitch and tone. The following vocal assessments will take place in this order.

1 - C Major Scale (Up & Down)
This can be sung on "la" or singers may utilize solfege (Do, Re, Mi, Fa, So, La, Ti, Do).
Learn to sing the C Major scale
C Major scale sample audition video

2 - Major Triad (Up & Down to assess range)
This can be sung on "la" or solfege (Do, Mi, So, Mi Do).
Major triad sample video

3 - Pitch Matching
You will be given 5 sets containing 5 notes each. Mrs. Ewing will play the notes for you twice, then you sing them back on "la"
Pitch matching sample video

4 - Showing Off Your Voice
Pick a 30-45 second section of a song to sing acapella (without background music). The selection you choose should show off the range and quality of your voice. Mrs. Ewing will give you a starting note if needed. Be sure to know the name of the song and the artist.

Group Audition Details

You will attend one day of 7th period choir. During this time you will warm-up with current Forte members and rehearse the section of the song you have learned (Dies Irae, Trotta, m. 1-27).

Group Audition Goals:

1. Learn how to correctly pronounce words in another language (we sing in multiple languages in choir!)
2. Learn music independently using practice tracks
3. Demonstrate the ability to sing your part and know it well, while other singers are singing their own (different) part
4. Demonstrate working well with others to achieve music awesomeness!

Instructions

1. Pick a section that represents your voice. If you need help with this, ask Mrs. Ewing or a current Forte singer.
    a. Soprano 1 = higher range singer
    b. Soprano 2 = mid-high range singer
    c. Alto = mid-low range singer
    d. Bass = low-range singer.
2. Learn how to properly pronounce the Latin words in the song using the audio pronunciation guide.
3. Learn measures 1-27 independently using the practice track as your guide.
    a. Soprano 1 practice track
    b. Soprano 2 practice track
    c. Alto practice track
    d. Bass practice track
4. Practice singing your part with the balanced voices track.

Materials

All of the learning resources you need for this part of the audition are linked above. Please feel free to head to Mrs. Ewing's classrooms (Room 309 - science or Room 901 - choir) to pick up a physical copy of the music or if you have any questions.

What type of credit do I get if I make it into Forte?

Forte is an honors credit (grade is weighted) course that satisfies your area F visual and performing arts requirement for graduation and UC/CSU admission. This course is a full-year commitment. You know what else is cool? The honors credit is repeatable, meaning you can gain honors credit for every year you participate in Forte.

What if I do sports? Can I still participate?

Forte operates just like a class during the school day and attendance is taken daily. We have many Forte members that do sports and sing. Typically there is an agreement with the coach. Singers are not allowed to miss class for sports practice, however games and tournaments are excused.

What is the performance schedule for Forte like?

Dates for the 2024/2025 Forte performance schedule are still being solidified. Please refer to the 2023/2024 Forte Performance Schedule to get an idea of the performance commitments of a Forte member.

Questions?

If you have any other questions, don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Ewing in room 309 (periods 2-5) and room 901 (periods 6 & 7) or email gmewing@pasoschools.org. You are also invited to come observe our class after school to see what Forte is all about!