



2025 SDUSD HS Honor Ensembles

Audition Submissions & Rehearsal Calendar

[VAPA Connections Honor Ensembles Website](https://www.vapaconnections.org/honor-ensembles)

Thank you for participating in the 2025 Honor Band and Orchestra Auditions. We are very excited about another great year! Our director for the **2025 Honor Band is Kevin Day**, composer, conductor, and lecturer of music theory at UCSD. Our **Honor Orchestra director is Albert Jeung**, Orchestra conductor and VAPA Coordinator for the Capistrano Unified School District. We look forward to making this an excellent learning and performing experience for all.

Below is important information about rehearsal dates and the audition process. Read this information carefully with your parents and ensure you can make ALL of the dates before committing to the audition process. **See page 2 for video audition instructions.** Audition requirements are linked [here](#).

The High School Honor Band and Orchestra will have a required evening rehearsal on **Tuesday, March 11th**, and **only** the Full Orchestra will have an additional rehearsal on **Tuesday, March 18th**, prior to the three-day immersive rehearsal and concert. Students will be released from school on **Friday, March 21st**, so please plan accordingly (keep your grades up and organize rides to Mira Mesa High School). **Saturday, March 22nd** will also be a full-day rehearsal, and the final soundcheck and performances will be on **Sunday, March 23rd**, at the newly remodeled **Jacobs Music Center** ([1245 Seventh Ave. San Diego, CA 9210](#)). **Sunday, March 23rd times will be finalized in January, so please hold the day.**

**Please reserve the following dates, as attendance will be mandatory at all rehearsals.
Missing a rehearsal will result in removal from the ensemble.**

HONOR REHEARSAL DATES, TIMES, & LOCATIONS		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION & EVENT
January 19 - February 19	Online Audition Submission	Online
Tuesday, March 11 Honor Band & Orchestra	6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Mira Mesa High School 10510 Marauder Way San Diego, CA 92126 Reading Session for Band & Orchestra
Tuesday, March 18 Full Honor Orchestra <i>only</i>		
Friday, March 21	Click here to view entire schedule <i>Students pulled from school to attend</i>	Mira Mesa High School <i>Students must complete and submit a field trip form</i> Rehearsal - Band & Orchestra
Saturday, March 22	Click here to view entire schedule	
Sunday, March 23	BAND - 1 PM Backstage 1:30-2:15 Sound check ORCHESTRA: 1:30 PM 2nd Floor 2:30-3:20 Sound check CONCERT: 4:00-5:00 PM - free and open to the public	Dress Rehearsal & Concerts The Jacobs Music Center 1245 Seventh Ave. San Diego, CA 9210 Middle and High School Honor Orchestras & Bands Sound Checks in cell to left CONCERT: 4:00-5:00 PM

Audition Excerpts and Scales - [linked here](#) - scroll down to High School Band and Orchestra



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Parameters for Video Audition Process are on the next page of this document.

View the audition information video linked [here](#).

- *Auditions will be recorded and submitted by google form.*
- **The window of time to submit:** January 19th - February 19th.
- Acceptable Formats/File Extensions for Video: .mp4
- **Record side angle view.** The camera should be far enough away that the viewer can see your whole body and your instrument clearly so we can observe your technique (do not block your hands with a stand/etc). Review audio levels before submission - you are only allowed one submission per instrument.
- **Each video should be in one take** with no edits/cuts. Edited videos will be disqualified.
- Audio files without video will not be accepted (we need to see that it's you playing)
- **Perform all of the material given to you at the approximate tempo given**
- There is no sight reading requirement

Materials and audition submissions are available on the
[VAPA District Honor Audition website](#).

Direct string submission links:

[Violin](#) [Viola](#) [Cello](#) [Bass](#)

Please NOTE: Top 2-3 woodwind, brass, and percussion chair positions MAY be invited to perform with the Honor Orchestra.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to any of our managers.

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