

BNHS Audition Info

The process:

Step 1. Locate and print audition music from the BN website

Step 2. Sign up for an audition time on the google doc found at the bottom of the audition page.

Step 3. Prepare yourself to do your best on your scheduled audition time!

All BNHS auditions will take place here at BN, in the orchestra room, PAC 118. Each audition will last about 5 minutes. Our audition process helps to ensure all students are placed in a fun, yet challenging, musical environment. There is a place for every orchestra student at BN, and no student will be turned away based on the audition. We promise it is a casual, non-scary process!

The audition packet:

In the packet, you will find music for our four orchestras in which you have the opportunity to participate, Concert (4th), Camerata (5th), Sinfonia (6th), and Chamber (7th) Orchestras. Each group presents a different level of commitment and a particular level of ability necessary to participate.

What's the difference between each orchestra?

There is a description of each orchestra, full orchestras included, on our website inside the [Orchestra Descriptions](#) link. The major difference in each of the orchestras come down to ability level of each musician and level of commitment to practice/availability to do what is asked of that level of group. I would encourage you to ask a friend or someone from the group you are thinking about audition for to get a better idea of the commitment/expectation level they themselves experienced.

So, which group should you audition for?

You might start with asking your current orchestra director or private teacher what their thoughts are. The music in the audition packet is pretty close to what the level will be from the beginning of school. You might also inquire with a current BNHS Orchestra student to get a real life account of the day-to-day operation and expectations. Please note that if you audition for a particular orchestra and do not make it, you will be placed accordingly by Mrs. Shapley and Mr. Keller into a different ensemble. Again, we want you to be in an orchestra where you will continue to grow and have fun while making music. Overall, we have four superior orchestras here at Byron Nelson High School that play all types of fun music. No matter which group you are a part of, you will have the opportunity for a good time learning and a chance to make a great set of friends.

We look forward to meeting each one of you at your audition. Please contact Mrs. Shapley or Mr. Keller if you have any questions.

Best,

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Gary Keller