

2011 SOUTHEASTERN VIRGINIA SENIOR REGIONAL ORCHESTRA

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Dear Orchestra Directors:

As proposed and approved by our region at last November's meeting, we will have three orchestras for which our students will be eligible. Read carefully:

The first two orchestras will be similar to what we have done in the past, with a few minor changes. **The first group will be a Symphony Orchestra with the same numbers as in the past:**

A full complement of winds, percussion, and harp

22 First Violins

22 Second Violins

16 Violas

14 Celli

8 Bassi

Students will audition for chairs at the event.

The difference: the second group will be a Chamber Orchestra of 37 members:

10 First Violins

10 Second Violins

8 Violas

6 Celli

3 Bassi

Students will audition for chairs at the event.

Students will audition on the same music for both of these groups, with the top students going into the Symphony and the next set of students going into the Chamber Orchestra. 9th through 12th grade students are eligible for both the Symphony and the Chamber Orchestras.

The third orchestra will be called the Senior Regional Preparatory Orchestra, and only 9th and 10th graders are eligible to audition for this group. This group will have a different prepared piece and different scales for their audition. The instrumentation will be:

22 First Violins

22 Second Violins

16 Violas

14 Celli

8 Bassi

Students will audition for chairs at the event.

Other information:

- Students are only eligible for one audition. 9th & 10th graders may only audition for one group – either the Preparatory Orchestra OR the Symphony/Chamber Orchestras. ***Teachers, it is your job to guide the students in the right direction. 11th & 12th graders are only eligible for the Symphony/Chamber Orchestras.***
- All students auditioning must be eligible according to the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors' Association's event manual. Home school students and students at schools without orchestra programs must register according to the event manual or will be deemed ineligible.

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