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 **LASSITER HIGH SCHOOL** *Orchestra*



# Upcoming Freshman Information

*"I would teach children music, physics, and philosophy; but most importantly music, for in the patterns of music and all the arts are the keys of learning."*

*-Plato*

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# WELCOME

Welcome to the Lassiter High School Orchestra program! We are so glad that you have taken the first step into joining the orchestra program at Lassiter. As a Grammy Signature School, Lassiter's music department is one of the finest comprehensive music programs in the nation. The orchestra program consists of 7 skill-based orchestras of which the top Chamber Orchestra combines with the top Symphonic Band to create the Lassiter Symphony Orchestra. Lassiter's orchestra program has traveled to and performed nationally and internationally including destinations such as: Chicago, Indianapolis, New York City, Washington D.C., Paris, France, and the Bahamas. The orchestra has a long reputation for excellence and has been accepted to perform at the prestigious Midwest International Band & Orchestra Clinic (2001 & 2008), the Georgia Music Educators Association In-Service Conference (2003, 2006 & 2014), and has been named Grand Champion of Lincoln Center's National Orchestra Cup. The orchestra program is open to all incoming freshman who have completed the string education program from their middle school. Freshman will begin their career at Lassiter in the Freshman Philharmonic Orchestra. As incoming freshman will be registering soon, we are excited for your students to become a part of our wonderful orchestra family and want to give you the information you need in order to register for orchestra at Lassiter. We hope that this information is helpful as you plan your next 4 years with us at Lassiter High School.

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Director of Orchestras

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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this information packet is to answer some of the most common questions that incoming orchestra students have as they enter/enroll high school at Lassiter.

### **How to Register for Orchestra**

Registration forms will be sent to the middle schools (Mabry & Simpson) from Lassiter during the registration period in February-March. Register for ORCHESTRA on the appropriate forms that will be given to you and you will be registered for orchestra in the fall. If you have not registered for high school orchestra at Lassiter by April, simply email the orchestra directors to let them know that you are still interested in joining the orchestra program.

### **HB 251**

We encourage all students to attend the high schools that they are zoned to attend. However, if you are still interested in attending Lassiter and would like to join the orchestra program, you will need to fill out the appropriate application/paperwork in order to be accepted as a "Choice Student" to Lassiter under House Bill 251.

**Applications are available on [CobbK12.org](http://CobbK12.org) and are usually available in February.**

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# PROPOSED CLASS SCHEDULE

### Example Course of Study at Lassiter

Grade	On-Level	Advanced	Highly Accelerated
8th	Math 8 Foreign Language 1 Orchestra	Advanced Math 8 or Algebra I Foreign Language 1 Orchestra	Accelerated Math I (Acc. Algebra I / Geometry A) Foreign Language 1 Orchestra
9th	-9th Literature & Composition -Algebra I -Biology -Humanities (Not Required) -Orchestra -Foreign Language 2 or 1	-Honors 9th Literature & Composition -Accelerated Math I (Acc. Algebra / Geometry A) or Honors Geometry -Honors Biology -Honors Humanities (Not Required) -Orchestra -Foreign Language 2 (Honors)	-Honors 9th Literature & Composition -Accelerated Math II (Acc. Geometry B / Algebra II) -Honors Chemistry -Honors Humanities (Not Required) -Orchestra -Foreign Language 2 (Honors)
10th	-World Literature and Comp. -World History -Geometry -Earth Systems or Chemistry -Orchestra -Elective	-Honors World Literature & Composition -Honors World History -Accelerated Math II (Acc. Geometry B / Algebra II) or Honors Algebra II -Chemistry or Honors Chemistry -Orchestra -Foreign Language 3 (Honors)	-Honors World Literature & Composition -AP World History -Accelerated PreCalculus (Acc.Math III) -AP Biology -Orchestra -Foreign Language 3 (Honors)
11th	-American Literature & Comp. -US History -Algebra II -Physics -Orchestra -Elective	-Honors American Lit. & Comp. or AP Language (American Lit. Emphasis) -Honors US History -Accelerated PreCalculus (Acc.Math III) -Physics or AP Physics 1 -Orchestra -Elective	-AP Language (American Lit. Emphasis) -AP US History -AP Calculus BC or AB -AP Physics C -Orchestra -Elective
12th	-Advanced Composition -PreCalculus or Adv. Math Decision Making or AP Statistics -Science (Any) -US Government/Economics -Orchestra -*Health/PE	-Honors Adv. Composition or AP Literature -AP Calculus BC or AB or AP Statistics -Honors or AP Science (Any) -US Government/Economics -Orchestra -*Health/PE	-AP Literature -Georgia Tech Multivariable Calculus or AP Statistics -AP Science (Any) -AP Government/AP Economics -Orchestra -*Health/PE



\*Available in summer school through Cobb Virtual Academy

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## FAQ

Is it possible for me to play a sport and be part of the orchestra program?

**A: Yes! Many of our students are active in the sports activities at Lassiter. Our orchestra students have been involved in: Cheerleading, Crossing Country, Dance Team, Fastpitch Softball, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Swim & Dive, Wrestling, Baseball, Golf, Gymnastics, Lacrosse, Soccer, Tennis, and Track & Field.**

Can I join other clubs and be in the orchestra program?

**A: Yes! Our orchestra students are in many other clubs and are able to fully participate in the orchestra program.**

I'm interested in getting lessons but not sure I have the time. Does Lassiter have a private lesson program?

**A: Yes! We encourage all of our students to take private lessons as this one on one instruction will help excel a young musician quickly to become the best they can be. It is with private instruction that students get a custom diagnosis and plan of gaining more skills on their instrument. We encourage students to take private lessons from any professional musician of their instrument. However, the Lassiter String Academy is a private lesson program offered on campus at Lassiter. Many students are able to take lessons and participate in their sport/club because of the convenience of being on campus.**

Do the older students have any kind of initiation for the Freshman?

**A: No. When you join the orchestra program at Lassiter, you are part of a family of musicians who take care of their own. Our upperclassmen are wonderful individuals who will welcome you from the first day. Lost in the halls or need help with homework? Ask an orchestra upperclassman and they will kindly help direct you to where you need to go. They really are really nice.**

Why should I join orchestra?

**A: Aside from the fact that you have already invested 3 years of hard work into playing your instrument, know that there are real benefits of playing through high school orchestra. Colleges prefer well rounded individuals who commit to long term goals such as the study of music. When college admissions see that a student has been part of orchestra for 7 years, they understand that the student has experience in finishing a long term field of study. This is similar to one who must commit ample time in the field of study at the college level.**

FILL OUT THE ORCHESTRA INFORMATION FORM:

Visit: <http://lhoa.org/newfreshman>

or QR scan here:

