

Lettering in Orchestra

Why letter in orchestra? Whatever grade you're in, before you know it you'll be filling out college applications. When you do, since you can't deliver those apps in person, you're going to want to make sure you look your best on paper, including showcasing all your great high school extracurriculars. Why? Because colleges and universities want students who will contribute positively to their campus community. And, an orchestra letter reflects just that- effort in orchestra above and beyond the classroom and superior dedication to orchestra and your community. Read on for the details...

Students may earn a letter and service bars (in subsequent years) in orchestra through participation in yearlong orchestra and related activities. Below is a list of activities students may complete to earn points and a worksheet to help you keep track of them. We suggest logging points throughout the school year so you are not scrambling to remember your activities at the last minute. NOTE: *You must be enrolled in two semesters of orchestra to qualify for a letter.*

Activity Points

- 20 pts. Participation in 2 semesters of orchestra and all performances
- 20 pts. Attending summer school in order to remain in orchestra
- 15 pts. Participation in honor orch. (GCYS, ASYO, GSO, EYSO, MYSO) or church orch. for full year
- 15 pt. Private lessons on your stringed instrument (per year)
- 10 pts. Participation in any other PRHS music class
- 10 pts. Summer Music Camp
- 5 pts. Participation in Solo and Ensemble Festival
 - Add 5 pts. Earning a "i" rating
- 5 pts. Entering PTSA Reflections Contest
 - Add 5 pts. A. Advancing to county level
 - Add 5 pts. B. Advancing to state level
 - Add 5 pts. C. Advancing to national level
- 3 pts. Performing in ensembles or solos outside of the school orchestra
- *** Governor's Honor Program (only one category may count)
 - 5 pts. a. Participation in district level audition
 - 10 pts. b. Participation in district and state level auditions
 - 20 pts. c. Selected for and participation in GHP
- *** All-State Orchestra (only one category may count)
 - 4 pts. a. Participation in district auditions
 - 7 pts. b. Participation in state-level auditions
 - 10 pts. c. Selected for and participation in All-State Orchestra
- 3 pts. Attendance at a classical music concert
- 2 pts. Peer tutoring (per student)
- 2 pts. Volunteering at orchestra events at PRHS, Hull, Northbrook (per hour)
- *** Miscellaneous- points awarded at directors' discretion

A student may be disqualified from receiving a letter for the following reasons: One unexcused absence from a performance (absence also affects grade); two or more disciplinary referrals during one year in orchestra class; any suspension (in or out of school) that results from misconduct while in orchestra class or on an orchestra related trip or performance; failure to maintain a least a B average in orchestra class for the year.

PRHS ORCHESTRA POINT WORKSHEET

Complete this sheet and email it to victoria.enloe@gcpsk12.org by Tuesday, April 19th.

POINTS DATE AND ACTIVITY

20 pts. Participation in two semester Peachtree Ridge Orchestra class and all required performances.

_____ Total Points Earned (has to be 50 or more)

I would like to receive (check one):

- _____ Letter Certificate (if you prefer a certificate or plan to purchase a letter jacket)
- _____ Pin (if you're lettering for the first time and prefer a pin)
- _____ Service Bar (if you are lettering for the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th time)

By typing my name, I verify that I have participated in the above activities.

Student Name: _____

Orchestra Block: _____

Parent Name: _____

Date: _____