

(Strings, Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion)

In response to a recent lack of access to elementary instrumental music programming due to the pandemic, the ABPA Music Audition process for the 2022-2023 academic year will focus on general musicianship skills, musical potential, and interest.

The audition process for admission to the 2022-2023 school year will have two components.

The first component will be submission of an asynchronous assessment. The second component will be a synchronous MSTEams interview. These two components are described below.

1. Pitch recognition, rhythmic ability and musicality assessment.

Upon receipt of their completed application package, students will be emailed two musicianship assessment tasks. These assessments must be completed before <insert date> in order to be granted an interview.

This assessment will be in two parts.

For the first part, students will be given access to a recording that they will respond to through a multiple-choice quiz. This recording is a series of ear training and rhythmic tasks that progress in increasing levels of difficulty. Students are encouraged to continue through the task to the best of their ability and make their best guess as the difficulty level advances.

For the second part, students will be given links to two contrasting pieces of music. They will be asked to compare the two pieces and discuss similarities and differences between them.

2. Interview

Upon receipt their completed musicianship assessments, students will be given a scheduled MSTEams Interview time which will take place on <insert date>. The interview will be used to determine a student's interest, engagement and dedication to the art form.

Students admitted to the program through this process will be placed in a beginning ABPA music class.

Students who DO have instrumental music experience are encouraged to submit a sample of their playing for placement in the appropriate experienced ABPA class.

Please note, a performance submission does not replace the audition process, but supplements it. All applicants are expected to fulfill this year's outlined audition process.