

Texas Institute for Orchestral Studies

OrchestraFest23 Details

Presented by Texas Institute for Orchestral Studies, a cultural-development initiative of Caminos del Inka, Fort Worth, Texas.

Westcliff Elementary School
4300 Clay Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas
[Google Maps](#)

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Parking: There are two parking areas, one is adjacent to the cafeteria on the south side of the school. This is the left side if you are on Clay Street looking at the main entrance to the school. If you enter this lot and drive straight through it, the second area is in the courtyard near the gymnasium. You can't see this parking area from the street, but it's there.

Entering the school: Please enter the gymnasium when you arrive. This will be our center of operations. It is behind the school. Please do not enter the cafeteria or the main entrance to the school.

Arrival time: The gym doors will be open around 8:00 a.m. Please plan to arrive before 9:00 a.m. The rehearsal will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m.

When you arrive: Stop at the registration table, sign in, create a name tag (first name only) to wear on your top, and create a folded name sign to hang over your stand (again first name only)

Attire: very casual and comfortable. You know because you live here, that the outside temperature will be hot so the air conditioning will be running full blast.

Bring: a refillable water container, a wire music stand, and a pencil. There are water fountains and water-fill stations in the school.

Violins: We understand that some violinists are not planning to audition for All-State Orchestra. So for clinics, we will divide the violins into two groups: 1) those who plan to audition for All-State, and 2) everyone else. When you sign in (see "When you arrive" above), tell us which clinic you want to attend.

Cellos and basses: Bring a **rock stop**. This is important. Do not put your end pin in the wood gymnasium floor. It would damage the gym floor. Basses, plan on standing during rehearsal. We don't have stools. If you prefer one, please bring it.

Practice parts have been posted online at <https://txios.org/orchestrafest-2023>. You will see the link there.

Paper stand parts will be provided. Please leave the parts on the stand at the end of the day. It's OK to take them to the clinic but please bring them back.

Seating assignment: is posted at <https://txios.org/orchestrifest-2023>. You will see the link there. We will update this page as we receive registrations in the coming days.

Schedule for Wednesday, June 21, 2023

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Gymnasium (we are not using the cafeteria this year)
Full-orchestra Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Gymnasium
Lunch will be provided at no cost to participants. This will be pizza from Costco, cheese or pepperoni/cheese. Individuals with dietary restrictions should bring a personal sack lunch.

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Various classrooms in the main building, to be assigned.
Sectional Clinics on Technique Building and All-State Orchestra Etudes for Strings

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Gymnasium
Snack Break provided at no cost to participants.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Gymnasium
Full-orchestra Dress Rehearsal and Run Through. Family and friends are welcome.

This session will be livestreamed and recorded. Students, families and educators will be able to watch live or download a recording of the session. A link will be published to participants after the Festival. Access to a cloud drive with photos will be shared after the event.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday. Let's have fun!

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