

2019 Thoreau Middle School Chorus Audition Information

Thoreau Middle School offers five different choral classes for Middle School students; Chamber Choir, Treble Select, Treble Choir, Basso Chorus, and Semester Chorus. Only the two advanced classes (Chamber Choir and Treble Select) require an audition.

Thoreau Middle School will be holding Choir Auditions on two dates for rising 7th grade students who would like audition for an advanced Middle School ensemble. Auditions will be held on Monday, May 13th and Wednesday, May 15th from 4:00 -5:30pm.

Audition Requirements

Vocal Exercise

- One-on-one vocal exercise with Mr. McNamara to showcase vowel placement and range of voice

Song Excerpt

- Students are asked to come prepared with a short choral song excerpt, lasting no more than 60 seconds.
 - The excerpt must be sung acapella (without accompaniment)
 - The excerpt should not be a pop or Broadway song
 - Example: Singing one verse of “My County Tis of Thee”

Sight-Reading

- Students will be give an 8 measure step-wise sight-reading example
- Students will have 60 seconds to study the example before attempting
- All examples will be in one of the following keys; C, Eb, or F
- Mr. McNamara will be using the VCDA level one standards. Examples can be found [here](#).

Students who would like to sign up for an audition must fill out the following Google Form. A link to our Sign-up Genius to select an audition time will pop up once the form as been submitted.

<https://forms.gle/MNM72Pf6xBQEMnU68>

All questions related to the choirs at Thoreau Middle School or the audition process should be directed to James McNamara at jhmcnamara@fcps.edu

I look forward to meeting each of you and cannot wait to welcome you to the Thoreau Middle School Choir Family!