



## General Information

### High School Guitar Auditions

- All students interested in Apex Arts must complete an online application [here](#).
- All applicants must complete an audition to be considered for the program.
- Audition appointments will be automatically scheduled by the application system. Please plan accordingly.
- All applicants must pass the auditions and meet academic requirements to be eligible for the lottery.
- All students expressing interest in Apex Arts are highly encouraged to audition, regardless of previous training or experience level.
- Students should be warmed-up, tuned, and ready to perform at the start of their audition appointment.
- Students must come prepared with their instrument, tuner, amp etc.
- All students expressing an interest in the Apex Arts Magnet Program are highly encouraged to audition, regardless of whether they have had formal or informal training.

## Current 9th Grade Students Only - Theory Assessment

Current 9th grade applicants will take a short music theory assessment as part of their audition day. This theory assessment will measure the following skills and knowledge:

- Note identification on the treble and bass clefs up to one leger line, including accidentals.
- Identification of notes on the piano keyboard up to one leger line, including accidentals.
- Identification of chords on the piano keyboard (Major, minor, Augmented, diminished, Dominant 7, minor 7, Half-diminished 7, Diminished 7)

## Scoring Criteria

You will be scored on the following criteria for each task:

- Prepared selections (as published at [www.aacps.org/apexarts](http://www.aacps.org/apexarts) and the student selection):
  - Melodic
  - Rhythmic accuracy
  - Finger/pick technique
  - Quality of performance – Interpretation, expression, phrasing, style.
- **Scales:**
  - Memorization
  - Accuracy
  - Tone
  - Tempo/pulse
- **Chord progression:**
  - Note accuracy
  - Tuning
  - Facility
  - Fingering
  - Hand position

High school applicants must score at least an average score of 7 on their audition AND meet academic requirements to be eligible for this program.

## Recommendations for Preparation

- Visit [www.aacps.org/apexarts](http://www.aacps.org/apexarts) for more information about Info Sessions, Workshops, applications, and auditions.
- See your school counselor for assistance with the application or for more details about the academic requirements.
- Speak to a music teacher at your school about your prepared piece, scales, and sight-reading preparation.
- Rehearse regularly leading up to the audition to build confidence.
- Come prepared to discuss your interest in the Music program.
- Contact Mr. Dembowski, Apex Arts Music Chair at [pdembowski@aacps.org](mailto:pdembowski@aacps.org) with any specific questions you may have.
- *Si necesita una explicación en español de los requisitos, llame a José al 410 533 4815*