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# **The Conservatory School Middle Grades Audition Guidelines 2020 - 2021**

## **Admission for 2020-2021 School Year**

**Please read this entire packet completely.**

In order to be eligible for The Conservatory School @ North Palm Beach middle school, students and their families must:

- Submit a timely application to the School District of Palm Beach County Choice Program Department.
- Successfully complete an Audition in one or more of the following areas:
  - Music - Band
  - Music - Orchestral Strings

The student applicant and parent(s)/guardian(s) must reside full-time in Palm Beach County in order to submit an application. The Conservatory School considers students for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade admission; however, the majority of student openings are for incoming sixth graders.

The process for application to The Conservatory School includes the following:

- (1) **Submit an application by Friday, December 13, 2019**, via <http://www.mypbchoiceapp.com/site.php> or hardcopy to the School District of Palm Beach County Choice and Career Options Department.
- (2) **Complete Online Audition Registration session beginning on January 13, 2020**
- (3) Prepare for your Audition by following the guidelines listed in this packet. **Students should be prepared to audition as early as January 30, 2020.**
- (4) **Come to your Audition at the appointed time.**

If a student becomes ill and is unable to participate in their Audition on the scheduled date, written verification documenting the illness from a doctor must be presented to the school within three (3) days of the date of the scheduled Audition. A new Audition date and time will be selected by the school **ONLY** if there are additional audition dates available. Students who have not auditioned before the scheduled lottery will not be eligible for the initial lottery selection process.

**You will receive notification in early April**, regarding the status of a student's acceptance or wait pool status. Some students will be placed in an applicant wait pool when there are more eligible applicants than available seats. Students will be selected on a random basis as openings occur.

**Appeals Process:** Parents who believe their child was not allowed an equitable opportunity to a Choice school during the Audition or eligibility process due to a technical error or inequity may request an appeal. An Application for Appeal of Choice Program Eligibility (PBSC Form 2418) must be submitted to the Director of Choice and Career Options within ten school days from the date of the notification indicating the child's program assignment, wait pool status, or program ineligibility.

For more information about Choice and Career Options Programs, go to:

<http://www.palmbeachschools.org/choiceprograms/>

# Applications for The Conservatory School @ North Palm Beach must be submitted by December 13, 2019.

Late applications are accepted at the Choice Programs and Career Options Department after December 1, 2017. However, they will NOT be included in the March 2018 Selection Lottery and may only be entered after all applicants in the wait pool have been assigned.

## TCS COPA Choice Program Applications are available:

- Online at: <http://www.mypbchoiceapp.com/site.php>
  - You will receive a confirmation upon receipt of your application.
- **Hard Copy** at The Conservatory School. The completed application must then be sent by mail by 4:00 p.m. on December 13, 2019 (postmarked no later than December 13, 2019), to:
  - School District of Palm Beach County Choice & Career Options Department  
3300 Forest Hill Boulevard, Suite C-124, West Palm beach, Florida 33406
  - The Choice and Career Options department is NOT responsible for any application not received as a result of an error or delivery delay by the United States Postal Service.

## Completing and Submitting an Application:

- Only one application may be submitted per student. For online applications, one application selection change will be allowed prior to December 13, 2019. **No changes** are permitted after submission of a hardcopy application.
- Either one or two choice are allowed on the application and should be rated as first and second preferences. First and second choices do NOT have equal chances of being selected.
- The student and parent/guardian must reside full-time in Palm Beach County at the time of the application submission.
- The address on the application **must match** the address as listed in the School District student database.
- Pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 92.525 and under penalties of perjury, parents/guardians will sign the application verifying that the information stated in the application is true and correct.

### Key TCS Telephone Numbers

- Brooke Brink, Choice Program Coordinator: 561.494.1844
- Meagan Marchica, ESE Coordinator Office: 561.494.1832

ESE, 504, and ELL students can be accommodated in all Choice Programs and are encouraged to apply. The School District prohibits discrimination against applicants on the basis of religion, race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age, parental status, and disability in any of its programs, services, or activities.

**All students must complete an Audition** before they can be considered eligible for admission to The Conservatory School @ North Palm Beach.

## Audition Dates at The Conservatory School for Fall 2020 Admission

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Students should be prepared to participate in an Audition as early as  
January 30, 2020.

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**Online Audition Registration Session will begin on  
January 13, 2020**

After the deadline on December 13<sup>th</sup>, applicants  
will be notified of registration directions.

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### ESE/504/ELL Students

- If your child has a current IEP or 504 plan, please bring a copy to The Conservatory School in order to request allowable audition accommodations. Parents will need provide a copy of the plan **before** the audition can take place.
- ELL students may receive translation upon request. Parents, please notify the school **before** the audition.
- Failure to accept accommodations at the time of an Audition is NOT grounds for an appeal.
- Private school students without a School District IEP of a School District 504 Plan may also request allowable audition accommodations if the parent provides appropriate documentation for the student's disability to the school at the Audition Registration Session.
- Parents of students identified as Gifted do NOT need to bring the student's Education Plan (EP) to the Audition Registration Session.

## **TCS Middle Grade Audition Process for 2020 - 2021 Admission**

All Auditions are held on The Conservatory School campus. Parents are to bring their child on the scheduled date; however, parents may not accompany their child into the audition room.

All students' applications to The Conservatory School must meet the eligibility criteria set by the school through its Audition process in order to be part of the random lottery system for admission into the school.

There are many who can assist and guide students as they prepare for their Audition. Speak with your child's music teachers, your child's private music teacher, or guidance counselor. If you have questions, contact Brooke Brink, Choice Coordinator at 561.494.1844.

On the following pages are the specific audition requirements for the Audition. Please read these carefully so that your child will be fully prepared for his/her Audition. Auditions are scored using a rubric and an incomplete audition presentation will result in a loss of points. Students who are well prepared with all audition requirements and who are motivated to attend The Conservatory School will enjoy the Audition experience.

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### **School District of Palm Beach County Non-Discrimination Statement**

The School Board of Palm Beach County, Florida, prohibits discrimination in admission to or access to, or employment in its programs and activities, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or sexual orientation, marital status, age, religion, disability, genetic information, gender identity or expression, or any other characteristic prohibited by law. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

## Music - BAND (Brass, Percussion, and Woodwind)

Students may audition on the following instruments:

\*Students must audition on one of the listed orchestral instruments.\*

Flute	Piccolo	Oboe	Clarinet
Bass Clarinet	Bassoon	Alto Saxophone	Tenor Saxophone
Baritone Saxophone	French Horn	Trumpet	Baritone/Euphonium
Trombone	Tuba	Orchestral Percussion*	

At the audition, students will complete the following tasks:

- (1) Perform a solo that demonstrates their highest level of ability. An accompanist is not permitted. Students need to bring two (2) copies of their sheet music for the judges.
  - \*NOTE: Orchestral Percussion- student performs a solo demonstrating their highest level of ability on a mallet instrument (bells or marimba). Students must bring their own bell set if performing on bells. A bell set is a beginning percussion instrument that can be 2.5 octaves, also referred to as a Glockenspiel. If performing on a marimba, a marimba will be provided. Students must provide their own mallets.
- (1) Audition requirements will also include:
  - (1) Perform a scale that demonstrates the student's best ability (student will choose scale, and the number of octaves)
  - (2) Perform a sight-reading selection.
- (2) Students will be judged on pitch accuracy, tone quality, rhythmic accuracy, expressiveness, technique, sight-reading, musical effect and the ability to produce a major scale.

## ORCHESTRAL STRINGS (Violin, Viola, Cello & Bass)

Students may audition with the following orchestral strings instruments:

\*Students must audition on one of the listed orchestral instruments.\*

Violin	Viola	Cello	Upright Bass
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At the audition, students will complete the following tasks:

- (2) Perform a solo that demonstrates their highest level of ability. An accompanist is not permitted. All students auditioning will need to bring two (2) copies of their sheet music for the judges.
- (3) Audition requirements will also include:
  - (3) Perform a scale that demonstrates the student's best ability (student will choose scale, and the number of octaves)
  - (4) Perform an 8 measure sight-reading selection.
- (4) Students will be judged on pitch accuracy, tone quality, rhythmic accuracy, expressiveness, technique, sight-reading, musical effect and the ability to produce a major scale.