

Dear Orchestra Students,

There are two very exciting opportunities available that I want you all to be aware of. They are the **All-Southern** and **All-State** honor orchestras. These are very high-level groups that are by audition only. If you are really passionate about music, this is a great opportunity to play with likeminded musicians who are just as passionate as you are. The conductors for these groups are usually amazing. These groups perform for the **SCSBOA** or **CASMEC** music education conferences where all of the music teachers come together for professional development. The experience is usually about four rehearsals and a big concert. I would LOVE to see Walter Reed have some representation at the conferences this year. I go to the concerts, so I would love to cheer you on!

Here is how to apply:

First of all – the audition excerpts are the same for both groups. They do this on purpose.

Audition Music: You can download the excerpts from:

<https://www.scsboa.org/middle-school-honor-groups/>

Note: This is not a part of class, so I will not be going over how to play all of the excerpts during class time. I recommend going to a private teacher to work on them, and I am happy to make time to help you record your audition or polish the excerpts once you have them learned. If the excerpts are way too hard, then continue working on your technique and audition in future years. The high school groups are great too! If you need help being pointed in the right direction of a private teacher, I can certainly help you find one. Even the best players have a private teacher.

Where to apply:

My email: stewart.rosen@lausd.net

All-Southern (SCSBOA) (October 26th registration deadline) (audition Dec 1, 2)

This is a live audition

<https://www.scsboa.org/application-form-middle-school-honor-groups/>

My member number is **5192**

All-State (CODA/CASMEC) (December 1st Recording upload deadline!)

This is a recorded audition

<https://www.codaorchestras.org/account/login.php>

Good luck! Let me know if there is any way I can help you be successful in your preparation.

Mr. Rosen