

2026 Elementary & Intermediate All-County Orchestra Nominations

We hope you all had a great start to the school year so far. This year, our former Elementary Orchestra Chairperson, Gabriella Savino, has joined the WCSMA board to serve as co-coordinator to this festival. We are also very excited to organize the All-County Orchestras once again along with our fabulous chairpeople Susan Lee-Chong (Elementary) and Melissa Neyer (Intermediate). Below you will find details about this year's nomination process. Please check wcsma.org frequently to stay updated on all developments during this All-County season.

1. Rehearsal and Concert Dates

- All rehearsals and performances will all take place at **White Plains High School**
- Rehearsal 1 will be on **February 11, 2026. (3:30 pm arrival, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm rehearsal.)**
 - **Snow Date** is **February 12, 2026.**
- Rehearsal 2 will be on **March 3, 2026. (3:30 pm arrival, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm rehearsal.)**
 - **Snow Date** is **March 5, 2026.**
- The concert will be on **March 7, 2026.**
 - **12:45 pm student arrival**
 - **1:00 pm - 3:00 pm dress rehearsal**
 - **3:30 pm - 4:30 pm concert**
 - The **Snow Date** is **March 14, 2026.**

2. Nominations

Nominations will open this Friday, October 24th. Please use [this link](#) to submit nominations through your WCSMA teacher portal. **The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, November 24, 2025.**

To nominate a student:

- Click **Nominate: All-County** near the top left underneath the Teacher Dashboard heading.
- Select the **division**, **ensemble**, and the **school building** your student attends.
 - Elementary Division: Grades 4-6

- Intermediate Division: Grades 7-9
- Enter the remaining fields for each student, including **name, instrument, current grade in school, NYSSMA score from Spring 2025**, and any **comments** about the student that can support your nomination.
 - Each nomination **must include** a **scanned copy** of the student's 2025 NYSSMA sheet.
 - **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

You will be notified of a release date for 2026 All-County acceptances after the nomination window closes.

We are looking forward to getting this festival underway and for all of our students to share in this wonderful performance opportunity! If you have any questions, please reach out to either of us. If your question is not resolved, please reach out to President Jon Riss.

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