



2023-2024

Mariachi Audition Requirements

When are auditions and callbacks?

The first stage of auditions for the 2023-24 school year will be virtual.

Submissions will be accepted from January 10, 2023 – February 3, 2023. Please check our website at that time for uploading instructions. Each assignment and video will be uploaded individually. The submission deadline for materials is Friday, February 3, 2023 at 11:59 PM CT.

Callbacks are by invitation only. The format of callbacks is TBD. You will be notified if you have received a callback no later than February 10, 2023. Callback instructions will be provided to students at that time. Hold the date of Saturday, February 18, 2023, for a possible in person callback.

What do I need to prepare?

Part 1: 30-60 second introduction – Brief video introduction of who you are, how long you have been playing and why you are interested in attending Kinder HSPVA's Instrumental department

Part 2: Video recordings with clear audio of you performing the following:

- Play two scales of your choice: C, D, E, F, G, A, Bb for your correspondent instrument (see audition material attached).
- Perform two 2-minute Mariachi excerpts of your choice from the material below for your instrument.
- Perform an additional 2-minute selection of a song of your choice that shows originality. Singing is encouraged for this selection but not required.

NOTE: Each video will be uploaded individually.

HOW TO RECORD YOUR VIDEO

Using a phone or other device, make a video performing the scale and solo works that were listed above. Please follow these guidelines:

- Your entire body from head to toe including hands and instrument should be visible on the video.
- Make sure that the final version you submit represents your best playing. Unlike a live audition, you can keep recording until you are satisfied.
- If you are unable to record a video or upload for any reason, please contact Mr. Klein, Magnet Coordinator, to discuss alternatives. (jklein1@houstonisd.org)

How do I upload my materials?

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