

Audition Requirements

The San Bernardino Symphony Youth Orchestra rehearses Sundays from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at San Bernardino Valley College in North Hall, Room 164. *Placement in this orchestra will be determined at auditions.*

Audition Requirements for Everyone:

- Three-octave scale AND arpeggio (two-octave for brass and double bassists) in key of student's choosing
- One piece or excerpt that you feel best represents your current playing level
- Sight-reading, which will be given in audition

Symphony Orchestra Expectations:

- STRINGS: Comfort sight-reading in both lower and higher positions (especially important for 1st violins as they frequently have notes in higher positions), comfort shifting beyond third position, and comfort with advanced bowing techniques such as spiccato, up-bow staccato, etc.
- STRINGS/WOODWINDS/BRASS: Comfort with vibrato
- WOODWINDS/BRASS: Comfort with various tongued patterns/articulations
- PERCUSSION: Comfort with both keyboard instruments, snare, and timpani, among others
- EVERYONE: Solid intonation and beautiful tone