

2026 Hong Kong Youth Music Interflows – String Orchestra Interflow Regulations

1. The String Orchestra Interflow is organised as follows:
Date: 8 to 10 December (Tue to Thu)
Subject to the number of participating schools, date and time of the Interflow classes will be confirmed and announced from 24 September at the Music Office website: www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice
Venue: Auditorium, Yuen Long Theatre
2. The Interflow is divided into 4 classes, accepting entries from local primary schools and secondary schools. The size of each orchestra should be between 15 and 65 players (exclusive of conductor). Details are as follows:

Class	Time Limit	Performing Piece#
Primary School Class A	10 minutes	An own-choice work written by a composer born in or before 1812
Primary School Class B	10 minutes	An own-choice work written by a composer born after 1812
Secondary School Class A	10 minutes	An own-choice work written by a composer born in or before 1812
Secondary School Class B	10 minutes	An own-choice work written by a composer born after 1812

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 - i. If the composer is not known or in case of a medley, the arranger's year of birth should apply.
 - ii. **Participating schools are responsible to ensure that their performing pieces meet the stipulated requirement of the enrolled class.**
 - iii. For the piece with more than one movement, the selected movement(s) to be performed should be indicated on the application form, otherwise a performance of the **whole work** will be deemed.
3. Members of the participating orchestra are permitted to play violins, violas, cellos, double basses or harps only.
4. Each school may only enrol in one of the above classes and should clearly indicate the choice of class for participation on the application form. **Request for change of class will not be accepted after the application deadline (10 September).**
5. Members of the participating orchestra (with the exception of the conductor) must currently be bona fide registered students of the same school. The Music Office will not accept entries for any joint-school performing orchestras. Separate entries are required for schools with the same name but with individual registration for their AM and PM sections, schools with primary and secondary sections, and schools with branches in different districts.
6. Calculation of performing time starts from the first note played by the participating orchestra until the end of the whole performance (inclusive of the break between movements). For the performance exceeding the time limit, 3 marks per minute (less than 1 minute is also counted as 1 minute) will be deducted from the total score of the participating orchestra.
7. Dress rehearsal will not be arranged. Order of performance will be determined by ballot on 17 September and posted on the above Music Office website on 24 September. Any request for change of the performance order, date and/ or time will not be accepted. The participating orchestra that does not perform in the assigned order, will receive comments only, neither awards nor marks will be given.
8. The Music Office will provide music stands, conductor stand and 8 double basses (4 3/4-sized and 4 1/2-sized basses), but not orchestral risers. Participating orchestras must bring along their own bows, endpin stops and other musical instruments needed for the performance.
9. Participating orchestras have to arrange their own staff/ players as follows:
 - i. manage its stage setting before the performance;
 - ii. move the musical instruments before and after the performance;
 - iii. observe and follow the Road Users' Code and ensure road safety when loading or unloading is taking place.
10. Gold, Silver, Bronze and Merit Awards will be granted to orchestras for their achievements:

Gold Award	(90 – 100 marks)
Silver Award	(80 – below 90 marks)
Bronze Award	(70 – below 80 marks)
Merit Award	(60 – below 70 marks)

11. The number of awards to be presented will be decided by the adjudication panel whose decision on the results and awards shall be final. The adjudication panel also reserves the right to withhold any award(s) if the performance of participating orchestra is not up to the standard. Results will be announced immediately after each class. Participating orchestras will be informed of the collection arrangements of prizes and mark sheets at a designated music centre of the Music Office on the performance day. All prizes are sponsored by Parsons Music Foundation.

12. Deadline of Application: **10 September (Thursday) 5pm**

Application form should be duly completed and emailed to **hkymi-app@lcsd.gov.hk** on or before the above deadline.

The Music Office will send the **acknowledgement of application**, assigned with an **application number**, by email within 2 working days upon receipt of the application. If any school does not receive it by **14 September**, please call the Music Office by 3pm on this day to ensure its application is successfully submitted.

13. Any change of submitted information (exclusive of class) as provided on the application form must be **countersigned by the school principal** and emailed to **hkymi-sns@lcsd.gov.hk** **on or before 2 October**. If the changes are related to **the performing piece**, the Music Office will issue an acknowledgement email within 2 working days upon receipt. If the school has not received the acknowledgement email by then, please call the Music Office immediately.

Participating orchestras which **change performing piece(s)/ movement(s) after 2 October** will receive comments only, neither awards nor marks will be given.

14. The following information (if not yet submitted with the application form) should be sent to **hkymi-sns@lcsd.gov.hk** **on or before 2 October**:

- i. Members' list (validated with school chop and signature of school principal)
- ii. Stage plan

15. On the performance day, each participating orchestra must present to the adjudication panel with a total of **three original/ authorised copies of the conductor's score** of the performing piece for adjudicators' reference before the start of that Interflow session. Otherwise, its participation in the Interflow will be disqualified. Any alterations of music should be clearly marked on the scores. Person-in-charge of the participating orchestra should particularly observe Clause 16 below and ensure the scores provided are original or authorised copies. Participating orchestras should also claim the scores back from staff at the adjudication panel after the presentation ceremony/ respective Interflow session. The Music Office will not be held liable for any loss of unclaimed items.

16. Participating orchestras must comply with the copyright law of Hong Kong in using music scores and are liable for infringement of copyrights. Otherwise, the participating orchestras shall bear legal responsibility in accordance with the law.

17. In consideration of the copyright issues and other participating orchestras, please refrain from photo-taking, recording or filming during the performance unless authorised.

18. The Music Office may limit the ticket purchase per transaction and/ or release the tickets on sale in phases for some Interflow sessions.

19. The Music Office shall have the absolute discretion to use any photograph, video and any other record of the Interflow for any lawful purposes including but not limited to archival, advertisement and event promotion.

20. Participating orchestras should fully observe and abide by all the above regulations, all rules of the performing venues and the laws of Hong Kong. The Music Office reserves the right to disqualify a participating orchestra or terminate its participation in the Interflow if the orchestra violates the aforementioned regulations. Participating orchestras in question may receive comments only, neither awards nor marks will be given. Participating orchestras/ members shall bear legal responsibility for their acts of breach.

21. Should there be disputes, the Music Office reserves the right to the final decision.

22. Enquiries

Telephone: 2796 7523/ 3842 7784

Email: **hkymi-app@lcsd.gov.hk** (for application only)

hkymi-sns@lcsd.gov.hk (for change of information/ provision of supplementary information/ enquiries)

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