



Dear Fiddler Parent,

Dec. 13, 2023

Advanced Fiddlers is an **auditioned group** formed from members of *The Fiddlers* from TMS & SMS. These advanced students have completely memorized all of the current Fiddler music and have passed a playing audition achieving 87% or higher. ADV Fiddlers are considered the Ambassadors of the Fiddler program.

PLEASE NOTE– Although students will occasionally memorize from written music, but the majority of the music learned in ADV is ‘by ear’ (without sheet music).

ADV Fiddlers meet weekly after BIG Fiddlers, Thursdays from 4:15-5pm.

[ONLINE Registration](#) form is DUE by 5PM on Thursday, Jan. 11th.



NEW ADV Fiddler Audition Requirements

Member of *The Fiddlers*

Complete Online application

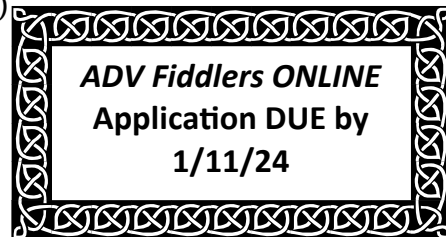
Strong rehearsal and performance attendance for both Fiddlers and ADV Fiddlers

Positive attitude

Capable of playing ALL required tunes by memory (without music)

Minimum of one solo memorized

See page 2 for sample score sheet and details



Audition Expectations:

Each student will have a 5 minute playing audition with Ms Howard.

The audition will consist of demonstrating their proficiency of items listed on page 2; this includes performing an approved solo by memory and up to tempo from the **Audition solo list**.

In addition to the musical aspects of the tunes (tempo, intonation, bowing, style, rhythm, etc....), students should work on eye contact, smiling and overall performance rapport with audience.

Each category is worth 10 pts.

Auditioning Fiddler must achieve at least 87% in order to become an Advanced Fiddler.

An Advanced Fiddler is recognized as a top musician within the school and community. Their ability and showmanship is known throughout the South County area and beyond. Rehearsals will contain the “new”, the “old” and the “unusual”! Score sheets will be returned to students in order for them to continue their musical growth. I am looking forward to a fantastic year!!!

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NAME: _____
INSTRUMENT: _____

ADV AUDITION (NEW)

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		poor				moderate				good		superior	
	CATEGORY	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	notes
1	Turkey												
2	Arkansas Trav												
3	Amazing/Circle (M or H)												
4	Tell Me Ma												
5	Soldiers 1												
6	Soldiers 2												
7	Shen (M or H)												
8	Beaumont												
9	Ashokan (short or long)												
10	Fisher's or Over the Waterfall												
11	Golden M and H												
12	Red Wing (M or H)												
13	Rakes & triple												
14	Devil												
15	SOLO-_____												
16	Bowing/Rhythm												
17	Eye contact/smiling												
18	Intonation/Key												
	Liberty for 5 extra pts!		1			2			3		4	5	
	Ned Kendalls for 5 extra pts!		1			2			3		4	5	
	Please note extra credit available if time remaining during audition.												
	Total score:										/ ____ : ____ %		

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Point System:

- 0 points: No effort made
- 1-3 points: Poor demonstration
- 4-6 points: Moderate presentation
- 7-8 points: Good performance (minimal flaws)
- 9-10 points: Superior performance

Audition Solo list

Only ONE solo required.

Solos not on list must be approved by Ms Howard

- Beaumont Rag 1,2,3 or 4 (trio NOT accepted)
- Turkey (1 or 3)
- Circle (1st solo only)
- Red Wing (1 or 2)

Additional tunes– ADV

Additional tunes that ADV perform regularly

- Tell Me Ma
- Over the Waterfall
- Shoes and Stockings
- West Virginia Highway
- Devil Eat a Groundhog
- Harvest Home Hornpipe
- Liberty (for extra points!)**
- Ned Kendall's (for extra points!)**

Packet I– ALL

Turkey and the Straw
Rake's of Mallow **AND** Triple
Amazing Grace (melody or harmony)
Circle (melody or harmony)
Soldier's Joy I **AND** II (Variation)
Flop Eared Mule
Shenandoah (melody or harmony)

Packet II– ALL

Arkansas Trav
Fisher's Hornpipe
Golden Slippers (melody AND harmony)
Red Wing (melody or harmony)
Beaumont Rag
Ashokan Farewell (short vers for new members)
Liberty (for extra points!)
Ned Kendall's (for extra points!)

Solos- Pick ONE

Solos not on list must be approved by Ms Howard

Beaumont Rag 1,2,3 or 4 (**trio NOT accepted**)
Turkey (1 or 3)
Circle (1st solo only)
Red Wing (1 or 2)

Additional tunes– ALL

Tell Me Ma
Over the Waterfall
Shoes and Stockings
Devil Eat a Groundhog
Harvest Home Hornpipe
Liberty (for extra points!)

ADV Audition checklist



- 1/11/24 Audition Registration closes at 5pm
- 1/26/24 AUDITION TIMES WILL BE EMAILED to registered Fiddlers
- ⇒ **1/18/24 AUDITION 2 FOR ADV**
Students are dismissed after their audition.
- 1/19/24 RESULTS POSTED/emailed
- Next Audition is Fall 2024