

MSSA/ East High School Honors Orchestras

Honors Orchestra 7 and 8 Grades Six - Eight

Honors Orchestra I – IV Grades Nine - Twelve

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The National Association for Music Education

Standards for Music Education

Perform: Play, Sing, and Read

Create: Arrange, Compose, Improvise, and Notate

Respond: Listen/Evaluate

Connect: Relate and Apply

GRADING

1. Homework: (10%)

I. Playing Tests on Flip and TEAMS

A. Bi-Weekly

II. Written Homework

Assignments will be posted in TEAMS and given out in class.

2. Classwork (35%)

I. Rehearsals

A. Our rehearsal time is valuable, and both you and I will do everything possible to make the most of it.

B. Once in the room, students will unpack, set up, tune, and organize their music independently. Please refer to the whiteboard for the day's materials and activities. C. No food, gum, or drinks are allowed in any rehearsal space. Water bottles are allowed. D. Fingernails cannot impede your fingertips' ability to correctly push the string against the fingerboard.

E. Please use the main building restrooms before coming to class.

F. Disciplinary action will include verbal warnings and reprimands, reduction in participation grade, removal from the activity or rehearsal area, and contact with parents.

II. Written Work In-class written assignments will include criticism, music dictation, composition, self- evaluations, and other work related to the classroom activities.

III. Binder Checks

A. Monthly checks to ensure all students have ALL of their music to promote responsibility with classroom materials.

B. These items need to be in a designated music folder or binder complete with markings/annotation that we have gone over in class. Similar to a "notes check" in core classes.

3. Classroom Participation (5%)

Full participation in our activities requires that you have all of your materials and supplies: instrument & bow, music, rosin, cleaning cloth, rock stop or shoulder rest, and pencil. Your instrument case will have an identification tag.

A.) Supply Check will be random additional grades to the weekly class participation grade. Students will hold up their supplies for a quick check/grade.

4. Projects/Portfolios/Presentations (10%)

- I. One Project/Portfolio/Presentation will be due each quarter, and will include grade appropriate assignments (but are not limited to):
- A. Program Notes on music being studied in class (as if we were preparing a printed program)
 - B. Concert Reports of other performing ensembles
 - C. Music journal and/or periodical articles synopses
 - D. Compare and Contrasts Recordings of music being prepared in class
 - E. Public chamber music performances
 - F. Video production of you performing multiple parts.
 - G. A composition
- II. There will be a separate handout with a complete explanation of each of these topics.

5. Assessments (40%)

I. Public Performances

- A. All performances – unless otherwise specified – will require formal concert attire.

Options:

- 1. Black Suit with white dress shirt, long tie, and black dress socks & shoes.
- 2. Long sleeved black dress
- 3. Blouse and skirt, or blouse and long pants (leggings are not pants).
 - *Skirts and dresses will go past your knees when you are seated. Black or neutral stockings, and black dress shoes.
 - o The otherwise specified attire will be an informal dress featuring your orchestra t-shirt and black bottoms.

B. Arrival on stage after the announced call time will result in a reduction of your concert grade.

C. An excused absence from a concert will require make-up work which will include individual performance evaluations and additional writing components.

- 1. If at all possible, have your unavoidable absence (i.e., out-of-town wedding) **approved prior to the event.**

- 2. If the absence is not pre-approved (i.e., a flat tire on the way to the concert) a parent note must be brought on the first day the student returns to school.

D. An unexcused absence from a performance will result in a zero concert grade.

II. **Individual Playing Assessments** with your instrument will include playing material. Students will have ample time to prepare for these assessments. Assessment is based on the mastery of the material, relative to each student's level of proficiency.

REMIND

Remind is a texting/email program that allows me to send out important updates and reminders directly to your phone or email. It is also an additional way to contact me. Please register yourself and at least one guardian for this service. The form and instructions are on the REMIND page of the website.

ORCHESTRA ACTIVITIES EXPENSES

These events are scheduled. Money will be collected at a time to be determined later.

Amount Purpose for all students:

\$25.00 Concert Festival Entry, Music, and Transportation

\$10.00 Orchestra T-shirt
Total: \$35.00

Additional fees for selected students: (Hold all money until prompted for registration):
\$15.00 All-West Audition Fee
\$ 35.00 University of Memphis Honors Orchestra Festival (HS only)

If accepted by audition, the All-West and All-State Orchestras require additional registrations and fees.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

THESE MATERIALS ARE EXPECTED EVERY DAY – WITH YOUR INSTRUMENT

_____ Bow _____ Rosin _____ Pencil _____ Cleaning Cloth _____ Case I.D. tag _____
Shoulder Rest (violin/viola) or Rock Stop (cello/bass) _____ **Individual Music Folder
or binder**

THESE MATERIALS WILL BE USED REGULARLY AT HOME

_____ Music Stand
_____ Music from class and/or downloaded from our TEAMS files (printed is preferred)

SCHEDULED EVENTS

These are the annual activities for the MSSA/EAST HS orchestras. Some will be combined activities with other fine arts programs in and out of our school. More activities will be added during the year. When changes are made, I will give ample notice. The All-West audition is REQUIRED for 1st (7th and 8th grade only), 5th, and 7th period.

August 21st- Deadline for all IN-CLASS required materials obtained and checked

October TBA Honors Orchestra Clinic at the UofM (by invitation) (HS only)

October 5th Fall Orchestra concert at MSSA/East 6:30 p.m.

November 18th *All-West Auditions – Collierville High School - assigned audition times

Nov/Dec GreenSTEAM Performance (Middle School only)

December 6th Night of Music Holiday Concert at MSSA/East HS 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 15-17th *All-West TN Regional Honors Orchestras at Renasant Convention Center

Feb. 28th Arts Week Performance 6:30

March 4-8th *Concert Festival (daytime), West Collierville MS

April 10-13th *All-State Orchestra in Nashville

May 7th Spring Fling Concert 6:30 p.m.

May TBD Graduation Performances

* Events are sponsored by WTSBOA (WTSBOA.website).

Students and guardians will be notified of the events that pertain to them closer to the event dates (They are different for each grade level.)

RECOMMENDED MUSIC RETAILERS FOR STRINGS SUPPLIES

Local Music Stores

Amro Music 2918 Poplar Ave. 323-8888

Circle Music Center 5124 Poplar Ave. 937-8484

Lane Music 9309 Poplar, Germantown 755-5025

Strings Retailers on the Web

Baroque Violin Shop baroqueviolinshop.com 866-846-5469 Shar Music sharmusic.com
800-248-SHAR Southwest Strings swstrings.com 800-723-6900

