



Jenks Intermediate Orchestra

2023-2024 Policies and Procedures

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Description

Intermediate orchestra is the first level of instruction for our Jenks district orchestra program.

The class is designed for 6th grade beginning string students who wish to learn violin, viola, cello, or bass.

In this class, we will be learning fundamentals of technique and musicianship, including the following:

- ♪ Instrument care and maintenance
- ♪ Posture and position
- ♪ Bow control and tone production
- ♪ Musical notation
- ♪ Form and composition
- ♪ Music history
- ♪ Elements of music
- ♪ Improvisation

Supplies

An important part of being a good orchestra member is being fully prepared for all rehearsals and performances.

Musicians are expected to have the following items for class each day:

- ♪ Instrument, Bow, Rosin, Cleaning Cloth, Tuner or Tuning app
- ♪ Pencils
- ♪ Black 3-ring binder w/index tabs
- ♪ Copy of *String Basics, Book 1*
- ♪ Shoulder rest or sponge (violin and viola)

***Please make sure that method books and accessories are clearly labeled with the student's name.

***We also highly recommend purchase of a music stand for home practice, and a spare set of strings.

Grading

40% - Classwork (including daily work, participation, and practice assignments)

40% - Playing quizzes

20% - Concert performance, dress, and etiquette

Students may earn up to 20 points extra credit per semester by attending a musical performance and submitting a written review along with a copy of the program.



Independent Practice

Our brains learn the skills needed to play an instrument through **repetition** (practice). It is recommended that beginning students practice for 15-20 minutes per day, 5 days a week. As students progress, 30 minutes/day is recommended.

To aid in developing this habit, students will receive weekly practice assignments. These will be due at the start of each school week.



Late Work & Absent Policy

Absence/Makeup Work will be accepted in accordance with policies specified in the site student handbook.

Late work will receive a score deduction of 10% for each day it is late, with the exception of weekly independent practice assignments. Due to the time-sensitive nature of practice records, these will not be accepted past the week they are due.

Rule Infractions and Consequences

It is expected that all orchestra members participate fully in class activities and required events, and that they will comply with program policies and expectations. Should problems occur, site disciplinary procedures will apply.

Concerts

The Intermediate orchestra performs two district concerts per year at the end of each school semester. Students will receive a grade for attendance, proper attire, and concert etiquette when listening to other groups. Other performances may occasionally be scheduled during the year.

Dress for all performances is concert black, unless stated otherwise. Attire must be solid black (no prints, graphics, or metallics), with at least $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves. Examples of proper concert dress include:

- ♪ Long sleeved dress shirt, full length dress trousers [no jeans]
- ♪ Long-sleeved blouse, full length dress pants or longer skirt (at least knee-length)
- ♪ Black leggings with long-sleeved tunic length top
- ♪ Black stockings or socks with black dress shoes--no tennis shoes or sneakers

***If assistance is needed to find proper attire, requests should be made to the director(s) no later than 2 weeks prior to the performance. Students who are not in required dress will not be allowed to perform.

Communication

Program events, announcements, grades, and daily assignments will be posted on the Canvas course calendar for this class. Students and families are encouraged to check the course page regularly.

♪ “Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything.” - Plato ♪

Instrument Rental and Repair

As noted in district course catalog description(s), students are expected to provide their own instruments for orchestra. Quality violins and violas may be rented at a low monthly rate from area music stores. School-owned cellos and basses will be issued to students for home use during the year for a per-semester maintenance fee. **It is expected that students will take proper care of school-owned instruments; otherwise rental privileges will be revoked.** Information on care and maintenance is posted in the Canvas course resources.

PLEASE NOTE:

***Students are responsible for the costs of replacing broken strings and/or any needed repairs resulting from mishandling or neglect. In these cases, *instruments must be returned to the school to ensure that repairs are made by an approved luthier.*

Expectations

✓ Be Prepared

Come to class on time. This means being in your seat at the start time, focused and ready to learn with the necessary supplies.

✓ Be Respectful

Respect yourself and others. Respect our class time and our materials.

✓ Do Your Best

Be responsible for your learning; work hard and do your best. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

