

# 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE ORCHESTRA POLICIES

## INSTRUMENTS/MATERIALS



All violinists and violists are responsible for renting their own instrument.



All cellists, and bassists will receive their instrument from school within the next few days. Parents should email ahead and can pick up the instrument from the front security desk in the gym lobby.



Students who play the violin and viola will carry instruments between home and school and must keep their instrument in their **music locker** while at school.



Students who play the cello and bass will have an instrument to borrow while at school. Please plan to bring your child's home instrument to school periodically for tuning.



All students must purchase the necessary equipment for their particular instrument, (i.e. rosin, shoulder rest, cello strap or rock stop, folding music stand at home, etc.)



All students must come prepared to orchestra and lessons with instrument, pencil, and all music in plastic sleeves of a black 3-ring binder. If a student is missing any of the required materials, he/she will receive an "incomplete" for the day.

## STUDENT ASSESSMENT

Students are evaluated based upon participation and performance in the following areas:

### 1. Lessons

Lessons count for approximately a quarter of the student's quarterly grade. It is expected that students attend all lessons and are prepared with instrument, music binder and pencil. Students are expected to maintain a practice log and be prepared to play assignments given at the previous lesson. It is strongly encouraged for students to spend 20-30 minutes per day practicing. Practicing is the equivalent of homework for this course.

### 2. Orchestra

Preparation and behavior in orchestra count for approximately half of the student's quarterly grade. Students are also expected to actively participate in the classroom orchestra blog and recorded listening assignments on Google Classroom.

### **3. Performance Exam**

Students will perform a playing exam at the end of the first and third quarter and a concert at the end of the second (winter concert) and fourth quarter (spring concert). The first and third quarter exam will consist of recent material studied during lessons and orchestra. Students are expected to complete their exam at home and upload it to their Google Site. These performances will count for approximately a quarter of the student's quarterly grade.

### **4. Concerts**

It is expected for students to attend all school concerts.

Concert Dress:

Black dress shirt, black dress pants (no jeans, skirts, or dresses), dark tie, black socks, and black dress shoes (no sneakers).