

MEMORIAL ORCHESTRA

SYLLABUS 2K23-24

CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Students should be ready to play with their instruments out, binders open, and pencils by the tardy bell. Since we do not ask students to attend many after school rehearsals, each minute of class time is imperative for success.

Students should take pride in our classrooms and their equipment. We protect each others' instruments, take care of our classroom by not bringing in food, candy, or drinks (with the exception of water).

Students will keep cellphones in their backpack when they walk into class, and will remove earbuds or headphones. Any student who has a phone out will have that phone taken up by their teacher and not returned until the end of the day for the first offense. A second offence, the student will have the phone sent to their Principal.

GRADING EXPECTATIONS

Daily Grades	20%
Playing & Written Tests	40%
Performances & Projects	40%

DAILY GRADES

Students will be given grades on having materials in class. Materials include, black music binder, pencil, music, orchestra calendar, orchestra turn-in envelope, and tracking sheets. These will be taken weekly. Grades will also be taken on binders to show that they have written in musical notations.

PLAYING AND WRITTEN TESTS

Students will be completing a playing test over the music we are preparing. These are assigned at the start of the week and due at the end of each week in google classroom. These playing tests are graded by the directors. Often students are asked to correct mistakes from these playing tests until the test is played correctly.

Students learn the theory behind music in our classes. When students learn about this, they are often given tests over this information. These tests are given throughout the year.

PERFORMANCES AND PROJECTS

The Memorial Orchestra has approximately 5-6 concerts per year. During the first semester, there will be a fall concert and a winter concert. The spring semester concerts include our masterworks concert, full orchestra concert, UIL preview concert, and Spring Concert. Our concert dates are on the calendar and on the website.

Our students complete ONE project each nine weeks. This is a major grade. Students may see a concert, participate in an audition or recital, work with music in the community.

REGISTRATION COMPLETION STEPS:

- I have read through the handbook and looked at the calendar with my parents at <https://memorialorchestra.weebly.com/info.html>
- My parent and I completed the orchestra registration and fee page on page 2 of the syllabus (fee due on August 31)
- I have added myself to my Google Classroom

ORCHESTRA FEES:

Activity Fee (Due on August 31, 2023)

1) \$125.00 Orchestra Dues

- a) For ALL students in enrolled in Orchestra
- b) Due at the beginning of the school year: checks made payable to MHS Orchestra. Or CC Use MySchoolBucks
- c) These dues are used primarily to help with the following expenses: clinicians, section coaches, basic supplies, uniform cleaning and maintenance, uniform bag, snacks for different events, bus expenses, cleaning supplies for instruments, the yearly orchestra t-shirt, and locks for lockers

2) \$20.00 - \$40.00 School Instrument Insurance (DO NOT PAY NOW – Invoiced at a later date)

\$20.00-\$40.00 Fee for Insurance to cover costs if damaged (If damaged, there is also a \$50 deductible paid by the parent)

Check if you need home instrument: _____ Viola _____ Cello _____ Bass

3) Additional Supplies (to be paid for by parent)

- a) Black Binder
- b) Black Dress Shoes (close-toed shoes)
- c) Black Dress socks (must be at least calf-high) or Black Knee High/Panty Hose

Total: Check (Made out Memorial Orchestra) \$125 Check here to pay on myschoolbucks (You will be invoiced - payment due 8/31)

OPTIONAL EXPENSES – To be paid at a later date

- 1) **Private Lessons** – We highly encourage lessons. To find teachers go to www.memorialorchestra.weebly.com
- 2) **Region Entry Fee** and/or **Solo and Ensemble Contest Fees** -
- 3) **Spring Orchestra Trip** – available for all Orchestra students
 - a) This year's Spring Trip will be to Corpus Christi
 - b) Trip Payment is approximately \$500/person and the non-refundable \$200 deposit will be due August 31.
- 4) **Orchestra/Band Banquet** – End-of-the-Year Celebration Dinner and Dance held at an event space

Parents – please INITIAL and fill in the appropriate information and return by Thursday, 31 August 2k23

ORCHESTRA HANDBOOK AND CALENDAR STATEMENT

I have read the Memorial Orchestra Handbook and understand and support the policies and expectations of the Orchestra. I have reviewed the calendar and understand that while it rarely happens - all dates and times are subject to change. I trust that notice of such changes will be given well in advance.

Student Name Printed: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Name Printed: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parents: Please type in your email address

** Parents – if you are not able to pay these fees at this time, please email Ms. Prontka so we can work something.*