

DMS Orchestra Handbook

Expectations

- be prepared for and a contributing participant in every rehearsal
- come to class each day with your instrument, bow, music, and assignments
- practice as required for the class
- attend all concerts, contests, sectionals as needed
- be informed and prepared for all concert dates

Required Supplies

- 1 inch black binder
- clip on tuner (Fender brand for violin viola, Snark brand for cello bass, can be found online or in a music store)
- Rosin (D'Addario or Jade brand for violin viola cello, Pops brand for bass, can be found online or in a music store)
- Endpin Strap for cellos, endpin strap for bass (can be found online or in a music store)
- Replacement Strings as needed
- black concert clothes (nice clothes with long slacks for boys, slacks or knee-length skirts for girls). No tennis shoes or jeans, please!
- \$40 per semester for instrument rental in cash

Provided Equipment

Each student is provided with the following:

- Instrument and Bow
- Shoulder Rest (violins violas only) with Bag
- Music

Grading

Performances Tests: 40% (includes concerts, contests, and written or playing tests)

Classroom Work: 50% (includes coming to class prepared and doing class work)

Practice Charts Sectionals: 10% (consists of practice charts or sectionals)

Practice

The minimum practice required from each student each week is 120 minutes. Practice done above this amount will be rewarded with extra credit. Home instruments will be provided for cello and bass students if they are available; otherwise, students are expected to transport their instrument on a daily basis for practice or rent from a music shop. PRACTICE IN THE 6TH GRADE WILL BE GRADED WITH A SHEET SIGNED BY A PARENT.

Sectionals

All non-varsity and varsity students will be expected to attend sectionals. These are a grade!

Violin Viola: Tuesday 3:15-4:30

Cello Bass: Thursday 3:15-4:30

Students and parents are expected to communicate with Mrs. Trammel if they cannot attend their sectional.

Concerts/Contests

Students must attend each concert and contest and arrange for transportation when needed. These are graded events! Students that do not attend a concert without a written note from a parent turned in before the concert will receive a zero for their grade. In the case of a medical or family emergency, students will be either excused or allowed to make up their grade with an alternate assignment and an applicable signed note. Concerts will be announced on the Charms calendar and by handout.

Field Trips

Students will have the opportunity to attend contests and just-for-fun field trips throughout the year. Trips that are paid by the district or school will be graded and are mandatory.

Email

Mrs. Trammel is available by email at katherine.trammel@fwisd.org or by text at 818-760-9368. Please feel free to email or text her at any time; she is here to answer any questions you may have!

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