**ADVANCED ORCHESTRA SYLLABUS**

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🎻 **WELCOME TO ADVANCED ORCHESTRA!**

This course is designed for experienced string players who have demonstrated strong proficiency on their instrument and a commitment to ensemble performance. In this class, students will:

* Refine advanced bowing techniques, intonation, and tone production.
* Perform challenging orchestral repertoire from a variety of genres and historical periods.
* Apply advanced music theory and score analysis to performance preparation.
* Develop leadership skills in both sectionals and full ensemble settings.
* Represent our school through concerts, competitions, and other performances.

🎯 **WHAT YOU’LL LEARN**

* Master advanced string performance techniques, articulation, and phrasing.
* Interpret complex rhythms, key signatures, and time signatures with precision.
* Perform confidently in both full orchestra and chamber ensembles.
* Apply theoretical knowledge to stylistic interpretation and expressive performance.
* Demonstrate professionalism, preparation, and discipline in all rehearsals and performances.

🎶 **WHAT WE’LL DO IN ADVANCED ORCHESTRA**

🎼 Instrument Mastery

* Advanced bowing styles, shifting, vibrato, and fingerboard technique.
* Technical exercises to improve range, speed, and dynamic control.

🎻 Ensemble Musicianship

* Achieving balance, blend, and unity in full orchestra and sectionals.
* Listening critically and adjusting for intonation and phrasing.

📖 Advanced Music Theory & Score Study

* Complex rhythm reading, subdivision, and advanced key signatures.
* Analysis and interpretation of diverse orchestral styles.

🎤 Performance Preparation

* Rehearsal strategies for tackling challenging repertoire.
* Stage presence and concert etiquette for formal events.

🎒 **WHAT YOU NEED**

* String instrument and method book (provided or brought from home)
* Folder for music and worksheets
* Pencil or pen

📚 **GRADING BREAKDOWN**

| Category | Points |
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| Participation (5 pts/day) | 25 pts/week |
| Daily Note Reading | 30 pts/sheet |
| Other Assignments | Varies |
| Playing or Written Tests | 64 pts each |
| Concerts (small events) | 128 pts each |
| Concerts (semester concerts) | 256 pts each |
| Final Exam | Only if semester concert is not attended |

🎵 Note: Concert attendance is required and counts as a large part of your grade.

📝 **HOW YOU’LL BE GRADED**

* In-class or online playing tests
* Written music theory quizzes
* Participation in rehearsals
* Turning in worksheets and assignments
* Concerts

🏫 **SCHOOL POLICIES IN ORCHESTRA CLASS**

* Restroom: No leaving during the first or last 10 minutes of class.
* Phones: There is to be no use of phones in class.
* Gum: Not allowed due to safety risks when playing.

✅ **CLASS EXPECTATIONS & RULES**

* Be on Time: In your seat with materials 3 minutes after the bell.
* Be Respectful: Listen when others are speaking.
* No Food or Drinks: Water only, please.
* Stay Engaged: Raise your hand to speak or leave your seat.
* Take Care of Our Room: Respect instruments, equipment, and each other.

📬 **HOW TO GET IN TOUCH**

Parents and students: Please email me for any questions or concerns.  
For phone or in-person meetings, make an appointment.

✏️ **IMPORTANT NOTES**

* This syllabus may change if school or district policies are updated.
* Some grading point values may also change during the year.