

Jennings Middle School Orchestra Waltzing Warriors 2019-2020 Orchestra Handbook

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Musician's Rules To Live By

Truth

Trust

Personal Best

Active Listening

No Put Downs

Purpose

The orchestra program is designed so that all members of the ensemble may expand their understanding and appreciation of music by developing their individual and ensemble performance skills and musical understanding.

Goals

Tone Production Demonstrate through performance a characteristic tone that blends with the ensemble. **2. Rhythm** Recognize and perform basic rhythmic patterns with regard to steady beat, tempo, meter, time signature, and counting rhythms aloud. **3. Technique** Demonstrate through performance basic elements of playing technique with regard to scales, key signatures, articulation, intonation, accuracy, and facility. **4. Musicianship and Musical Knowledge** Recognize, demonstrate, and describe basic musical terms, symbols, dynamics, style, and phrasing. **5. Ensemble Performance Skills** Demonstrate accurate performance on your appropriately assigned part of the ensemble focusing on application of accurate pitch and rhythm, appropriate dynamics and balance, appropriate phrasing and expression, response to conducting gestures, and appropriate concert etiquette. **6. Work Habits and Other Performance Factors** – Demonstrate and understand posture and instrument position, conductors beat patterns, proper instrument maintenance, bringing required materials for class, individual practice responsibilities, and individual participation.

Class Materials

The following items are necessary for orchestra students. 1. Instrument with necessary accessories such as rosin, extra set of strings and a shoulder rest or rock stop. 2. Chromatic tuner/ Metronome 3. Wire music stand for home 4. Music folder, Bring binder with pockets

Academic Expectations

1. Attend all classes, rehearsals, and performances. 2. Each student should have the following class materials: Instrument, Music, Pencil 3. Consistent daily practice at home. 4. Participate in a positive manner during class and performances.

Instruments

Students are expected to provide their own instrument. Students using a school owned instrument will be required to pay a \$35.00 maintenance/use fee. School cellos/basses will remain on campus. Any student that is unable to pay the fee should let us know, so that we can provide assistance. The fee will be due by Friday, September 7, 2018 (after Labor Day). It is the student's responsibility to return the instrument in good working order and to take care of the instrument properly while it is in their use. All other repairs will be handled by the school district. If a school instrument is not working properly, a student **MUST NOT** take it to be repaired; he/she should inform the director so that the problem can be corrected.

Behavior Expectations

Guidelines for general conduct, behavior, and discipline are outlined in the JJH Student Handbook and students are expected to follow these guidelines in orchestra class. Below are some specific guidelines for the orchestra program.

1. Students are not to use cell phones **Rehearsal Time**. 2. Students may not chew gum in the orchestra room or during class. 3. Students may not eat or drink in the orchestra room (**Except For Bottled Water**). 4. Enter the room quietly and orderly. Upon entering the room, students should set up for rehearsal, put their instrument together, get their music in order, if you are not ready to start when I enter the room you are considered **TARDY**. 5. Students should take special care to see that the instruments and equipment in the orchestra room are well maintained and not damaged.

Waltzing Warriors Concert Dress

BOYS: White shirt (no printing), black pants, black shoes and socks.

GIRLS: White shirt (NOT off white, beige, or cream), black skirt or pants and black shoes.

Grades

10% Class Participation 30% Written or Playing quizzes, assignments 60% Concert Attendance /Test

*Missing a performance without communication from a parent or guardian will result in being dropped by one letter grade.

Your Responsibilities

OK. Let's talk about some of the responsibilities you will have this year.

- 1) You are responsible for bringing your instrument, all music and music books, a pencil and a good attitude to class **ON TIME!**
- 2) You are responsible to do your personal best everyday.
- 3) You are responsible for using class time productively.
- 4) You are responsible for the condition of your instrument.
- 5) You are responsible for your home practice time.
- 6) You are responsible for the quality of your performance.
- 7) You are responsible for the effort you give to the orchestra!