Handbook

Advantages:

Playing in an orchestra is part of a well-rounded education. Music teaches discipline, teamwork, and self-confidence. These qualities enable students to achieve higher academic goals.

Secondly, participants rehearse and perform with other talented young people, and that helps them to improve.

Thirdly, youth have an opportunity to grow as musicians and to perform pieces from the standard repertoire.

Responsibilities:

First of all, know your music part. Practice at home as well as at school so that you are prepared for Tuesday's group rehearsals. If you are struggling with any of the music, be sure to ask your music teacher for help.

Punctuality is important! Rehearsals begin at 5:00 and end at 7:00. Be attentive and ready to listen to the conductor! Observe your section leaders as they are models for you.

Turn cell phones OFF before entering the orchestra room.

No chewing gum. Orchestra members are expected to behave professionally. During the breaks, please avoid having food/snacks in the orchestra room. We want to make sure our rehearsal space is always clean.

Dress rehearsals and concerts are mandatory.

All orchestra members are expected to be active in every fund-raising project. (We do accept donations.)

Attendance:

Please be prompt for each practice. Be sure to submit anticipated absences to the conductor.

Very important!

After missing 3 rehearsals, student may be dismissed from orchestra concerts, trips, etc. (at the conductor's discretion.)

Materials:

Each student should bring a sharpened pencil to all rehearsals.

Music is expected to be brought in a folder to all practices.

Concert Dress Code:

Boys: Black slacks, shirt, long tie; black dress shoes (no tennis shoes); black socks.

Girls: Carson Jumpsuit from Southeastern Performance Apparel ($75); black shoes.