



€ **WELCOME TO STRING ORCHESTRA!**

- € Orchestra is a year-long related arts class where students either begin (6<sup>th</sup> grade) or continue (7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade) their String Orchestra musical training. Instrumental Music 6-8 State Standards: <http://www.tn.gov/education/ci/arts/index.shtml>

**INSTRUCTION:**

- € **State Standards:** Standard 1.0 Singing, Standard 2.0 Playing Instruments, Standard 3.0 Improvising, Standard 4.0 Composing, Standard 5.0 Reading and Notation, Standard 6.0 Listening to, analyzing, and describing music, Standard 7.0 Evaluating, Standard 8.0 Interdisciplinary Connections, Standard 9.0 Historical and Cultural Relationships
- € **Skills Covered in Class:** Students will be learning to read music, playing songs, scales and exercises on a string instrument (violin, viola, cello or bass), complete in class performance tests, and engage in guided listening and class discussions. Students will perform in several school and community concerts.
- € **Materials Needed for class:** Instrument, instrument appropriate Essential Elements book, pencil
- € \*\*Fee waiver students can be provided with school instrument & supplies.
- € **Grade 6: *Essential Elements for Strings, Book 1***
- € **Grade 7: *Essential Elements for Strings, Book 2***
- € **Grade 8: *Essential Elements for Strings, Book 3***

These Essential Elements books can be purchased at ANY local music store in Knoxville. I have listed two stores close to the school.

1. Rush's Music (several locations in Knoxville) (865) 531-7689
2. Lunsford Music Shop (865) 523-0276



€ **Supply Cost:** There is a \$25.00 supply cost. This is used to supply students with sheet music, strings, shoulder pads, rock stops, rosin, and other music accessories in the classroom.

## **ASSESSMENT:**

€ **Grading Policy**

€ **CONCERTS = 30% of final grade**

Students will perform for the school and community as an Orchestra throughout the year and are expected to attend ALL scheduled performances.

**\*\*Students who miss a concert for illness or family emergency only will be expected to complete a make-up assignment to achieve concert grade.**

**Concert Attire: Plain white top, black pants/skirt, black/dark shoes.**

**PARTICIPATION/CONDUCT = 40% of final grade**

**Because Orchestra is a performance based class, all students are expected to participate fully throughout the entire class time. All CBMS Conduct rules apply in Orchestra Class:**

1. **ALWAYS** respect teacher & classmates
2. **Work and play TOGETHER**
3. **Do not** abuse instruments or materials (books, music, etc)
4. **PARTICIPATE** fully

**PLAYING TESTS = 15% of final grade**

**Evaluative playing tests will be held periodically (at least twice each nine week grading period.) These "playing opportunities" are absolutely invaluable. They help you set goals and develop performance skills. They help me evaluate your strengths and weaknesses so that I can give you written feed back and help you grow as a musician.**



**PRACTICE = 15% of final grade**

Each student will be provided with a Practice Log. They are expected to practice 100 minutes per week and turn in logged minutes every Monday. **THIS IS YOUR WEEKLY HOMEWORK!** Practicing the fastest way to grow your musical skills.

- € Explanation of Assignments & Projects – expectations/ timeline/due dates, etc.
- € Make-Up Work Policy/Late Work Policy
- € Students who miss a playing test will make-up playing test at the next possible class time. Students who miss a concert for a documented illness or family emergency will be expected to write a 2-page book report on a composer/musician to achieve concert grade.
- € Portal Post Policy – Teacher Commitment to Post Grades to Portal *at least* once per week

One way in which I am able to communicate with the student and parent is through Parent Portal. In order to give timely feedback, I will update participation/conduct grades at least once per week. Practice grades will be uploaded every 4 weeks. Playing Test and Concert grades will be uploaded as they occur.

**GENERAL EXPECTATIONS:**

- € Students:
  - Attendance Policy
  - Students will perform for the school and community as an Orchestra throughout the year and are expected to attend ALL scheduled performances.
  - Students who miss a concert for *illness or family emergency only* will be expected to complete a make-up assignment to achieve concert grade.
  - Classroom Policy/Procedures
  - See “PARTICIPATION/CONDUCT under “Grading
  - HONOR CODE: Cedar Bluff Middle School Honor Code applies to all Orchestra Classes.



€ **Orchestra Teacher: Abigail Hatala**

○ **Communication Strategy:**

- **Email: [abigail.hatala@knoxschools.org](mailto:abigail.hatala@knoxschools.org)**
- **School Phone: #539-7891**
- **School Fusion-commitment to maintain and update regularly**

○ **Intervention Strategy:**

The Orchestra Room is open from 7:20-8:00am every school day before homeroom for students desiring extra help or tutoring from Mrs. Hatala. Students and parents should also feel free to contact or speak directly to Ms. Hatala regarding extra help or tutoring.

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Sign and return to Mrs. Hatala by Monday, Aug. 30

**I HAVE READ THE ORCHESTRA SYLLABUS AND UNDERSTAND WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR THIS CLASS.**

STUDENT SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_

MY STUDENT HAS ALREADY BEEN QUALIFIED FOR FEE WAIVER (circle one)

YES

NO