

HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Dr. Kang, Orchestra Director

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Course Content

The orchestra curriculum is centered on learning advanced techniques and ensemble skills. The orchestra will study a varied repertoire of music: classical, folk, fiddle, movie theme, and popular styles. The course will also include composition, music theory, music history, and music appreciation.

Required Supplies

1. Instrument
2. Black 1" three-ring binder
3. Pencil
4. Shoulder rest (violin & viola)

Five points will be deducted from the class participation for each missing item.

5. 9th Graders: please bring a box of Kleenex to the orchestra room

Orchestra Program Fee

Students will have an orchestra program fee of \$200.00. This fee will go to purchase the orchestra dresses, orchestra long neck ties, t-shirts, method books, orchestra sheet music, concert hall rental fee, WTSBOA and NAFME school membership fees, registration fees for the concert festival and All-West audition, director registration fee for All-State, school instrument repairs, outreach concerts and concert festival bus cost, substitute teacher cost for All-West, All-State, spring trip, and concert festival, and other miscellaneous materials. Please make a check payable to **Germantown Orchestra Parent Group**. The deadline for the orchestra program fee is **Monday, August 19, 2019**.

Instrument

If a student needs to borrow an instrument for using at home, the suggested donation is \$60 for violin and viola, \$100 for cello, and \$150 for bass. (per year)

Practice Recordings

Students are required to submit weekly practice recordings. Students can use any device (cell phone, laptop, recorder) to record their practice sessions and send them to Dr. Kang every Monday morning before 7 am. Please include your name in the subject line. Students will receive a lower grade if turn in the recording late.

1. A (100) - 60 or more minutes/week
2. B (90) - 40 minutes/week
3. C (80) - 20 minutes/week
4. D (70) - 10 minutes/week
5. F (50) - Less than 10 minutes/week

Winter Concert

Date: Tuesday, December 2nd, 2019 at 6 pm
 Location: Germantown Performing Arts Center

Spring Concert

Date: Monday, May 5th, 2020 at 6 pm
 Location: Germantown Performing Arts Center

Students are required to participate in the Winter & Spring Concerts. Students will receive grades for performing in the Winter & Spring Concerts. Absence will only be excused if the absence is due to illness, death in the family, or any other reason approved by Dr. Kang, prior to the concert.

Concert Attire

Students are required to dress professionally for the concert.

1. Black orchestra dresses for ladies
2. Black suits and orchestra long neck ties for gentlemen
3. Black dress shoes (absolutely no tennis shoes, no open toe shoes)
4. Black socks for gentlemen

Students will NOT be able to perform without the proper concert attire.

Competitions / Field Trips

Houston Orchestra represents the Houston High School to participate in local and national competitions and performs at school related events and outreach concerts. Each year, the orchestra travels to different states for music festivals and competitions. Students are encouraged to participate in all of the orchestra trips.

All-West Orchestra

The West Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association offers a wonderful opportunity for your child to play with the best high school musicians in Tennessee. The clinic and concert will take place at the Memphis Convention Center on February 13th and 14th, 2020. The audition will be held at the Briarcrest Christian School on November 16th, 2019. It is an honor and a terrific learning experience to participate in the All-West Orchestra.

Cell Phone Policy for Orchestra

Students must keep their cell phones in the assigned locker, backpack, instrument case, or cell phone caddy during orchestra class. The use of a cell phone during the orchestra class will result in discipline consequences and may affect honor society memberships.

1st Offense = Warning, 2nd Offense = Office referral

Tardy

1st Offense = Warning, 2nd Offense = Cafeteria Duty
 3rd Offense = Friday School, 4th Offense = OSS

Orchestra Rules

1. Arrive to class on time and with all necessary materials
2. Unpack instruments and start to warm up
3. Be ready to play when the bell rings
4. Follow directions first time given
5. Raise your hand and wait to be called on
6. No individual practice during the rehearsal
7. Keep hands, feet, and objects to self
8. Treat peers and staff with respect
9. Clean up the area around you before leaving the classroom
- 10. Students are not allowed to do homework or study for other subjects during the orchestra class**

Consequences:

1. Verbal warning
2. Deduct 10 points from the class participation
3. Conduct mark & parent notification
4. Conduct mark & office referral

Rewards:

Praise & Individual practice time

Grades

Grades will be based on class and performance participations. The remaining portion of the grade is derived from practice recordings, individual playing tests, written quizzes, Spring & Winter Concerts, and concert reports. Separate conduct grades will be issued.

Honors Orchestra Requirements (String Quartet Honors)

- 1. Attend symphony orchestra rehearsals and concert (Mondays 3-4 pm)**
2. Participate in all school related events and outreach concerts (Farmington Patriotic Concert, Open House, City Hall Performance, Concert Festival, Graduation, Orchestra Concerts, etc...)
3. Audition for the All-West Orchestra
4. Help out with the concert
5. Memorize all major scales (at least two octaves)
6. Attend one classical music concert every semester and write an essay at least two page long

Helpers Needed

A successful orchestra program relies on parents' support. Please volunteer your time and talents in order to provide your kids with the best experience. We will need volunteers for chaperoning field trips and helping out with outreach and formal orchestra concerts.

Germantown Orchestra Parent Group (Orchestra Boosters)

The orchestra needs your support to make our program stronger. If you are interested in contributing your talents to the GMSD orchestra program, please consider joining the boosters.

Please keep the first three pages in your orchestra binder and return this page to Dr. Kang by Monday, August 19th, 2019.

Student Name (Print): _____

I have read and understood the orchestra policy.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (Print): _____

I have read and understood the orchestra policy.

Parent Signature: _____ Date:

Cell Phone Number: _____

Email: _____