

# ORCHESTRA GUIDELINES

## Orchestra Grading

1. Class attendance – if an Orchestra student is attending school the day of his/her Orchestra class, the student must attend Orchestra unless otherwise excused. An unexcused absence from Orchestra class will result in zero points earned for that class day.
2. Class participation – Students are expected to participate in the class activity. Refusing to participate or careless behavior during Orchestra class, either towards a person or an instrument, will result in:
  - A warning
  - Separation from class activity to fill in a reflection worksheet.
  - Pass to the ISS room as part of PBIS
  - Assigning detentions
  - Dismissal from Orchestra
3. Class preparedness – Orchestra students must have his/her instrument and music in class for success. Attending Orchestra class unprepared will result in:
  - A reminder and a deduction from total class points earned for the day.
  - Parent/Guardian contact and a deduction from total class points earned for the day.
  - Excused from Orchestra until he/she can remember instrument.
4. Concert Attendance – MANDATORY. Parent communication is required to be excused from a concert. An unexcused absence from a concert results in an entire letter grade lower for the quarter. Concert attire consists of a black HL Performing Arts polo shirt, black slacks, black socks and black shoes.
5. Practice – Students are expected to practice outside of Orchestra class in order to keep up their music reading skills and technique. Each day, the student should practice a minimum of one minute per year of age of the student. Encourage your student to practice – ask Mrs. Schrade if you need ideas!
6. Extra credit may be earned by spending time practicing in the Orchestra room before or after school. Please contact Mrs. Schrade to confirm availability.