

6th, 7th & 8th Grade Orchestra Course Outline

Course Objectives:

1. Students will gain knowledge and ability to participate in orchestra by playing a string instrument.
2. Students will be able to develop necessary skills including note reading, rhythms, key signatures, time signatures, etc.
3. Students will play and perform a variety of music individually and in an ensemble.
4. Students will gain a love and appreciation for music and its' influence in society.

Content:

1. Music Theory-rhythms, note reading, vocabulary, key/time signatures.
2. Posture/Hand Position
3. Breathing Skills
4. Tone Production
5. Fingering and Bowing Techniques
6. Instrument Care
7. Cooperative/Ensemble Learning
8. Music History
9. Performance Etiquette

Course Projects:

1. Daily preparation and rehearsal for concerts
2. Playing tests
3. Two formal concerts per year
4. Various exercises and written work on course content

Grading

10 pts. Daily Participation/Preparation

20 pts. Weekly Practice Record

10-30 pts. Per Playing Tests

100 pts. Per Concert/Concert Rehearsal

7th/8th Grade:

Cumulative knowledge and skills continue advancing at each grade level.