

ACYI 6th and 7th Grade Orchestra Disclosure

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Contact times: 7:20-7:40 am daily at BEMS, 3-3:20 pm daily ACYI

Daily Schedule

BEMS 1st 7:40-8-40; 2nd 8:45-9:40

BEHS 3rd 10:19-11:13

ACYI 4th 12:07-1:02; 5th 1:06-2:01; 6th 2:05-3:00

Thank you for signing up for Orchestra, it is going to be a great year! I'm excited to get to know you as we progress together toward musical excellence. Every student can learn to play Strings if they are willing to work hard and keep trying. I want to help you learn the technique, form and skill you will need to play your best. Together we will create music.

ACYI only: This is a beginning Strings course. By the second trimester (with your hard work), you will be able to read music and rhythms using good form, technique and tone production. You will be able to play both solo and ensemble parts. Your progress depends on how hard you want to work. I will give you the tools, it is up to you to do the work. You can do it!

Two Class Rules:

- #1: Be Respectful
- #2: Be Responsible

My Job (Mrs. Vallejo):

- (Respectful): I will treat each student with respect and support them as they learn their playing and reading skills. I will give positive praise and enthusiastic encouragement. Our class is a safe place to learn.
- (Responsible): My job is to come to class prepared to teach and manage our class.. Each day I will model solid String form, technique and tone production. I will guide students in note reading, rhythm, theory and history.

Your Job (Student):

- (Respectful): Come to class on time, be focused and ready to work. Be willing to work quietly so that others can concentrate. Negativity is not welcome. During instruction time, you will listen quietly. Be willing to teach others what you know.
- (Responsible): Bring to class every day: your instrument, method book, music and a pencil. Practice daily, come to all performances. Progress will happen if you work at it every day. You are responsible to fix and maintain your instruments.

Parent Job:

- Provide an instrument for your student (rented, borrowed, purchased) and maintain it (broken strings, repairs, accessories). School rentals \$50 per trimester. [rental night at ACYI tba]
- Support your student by: 1) Encouraging Daily Practice (90 min week...15 min day..minimum), sign chart.
2) Come to our performances. You will be amazed at what young people can do!

Grading:

- 50% Participation and written work. (10 points daily total. Tardy = minus 5, excessive talking minus points)
- 25% Weekly Practice reports (Due Fridays, signed by parents). *90 minutes a week for full points.*
- 25% Performance attendance (one each trimester, see schedule)

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| 100-93 = A | 82-80 = B- | 69-67 = D+ |
| 92-90 = A- | 79-77 = C+ | 66-63 = D |
| 89-87 = B+ | 76-73 = C | 62-60 = D- |
| 86-83 = B | 72-70 = C- | 59-0 = F |

Make Up Work:

If you are absent, you will miss your participation points. These points may be made up by practicing beyond the 90 minute level. A missed concert without prior arrangements will *drop a grade 2 levels*. If you know you are going to miss a concert, please do the following...

- 1) Bring a parent note or email explaining the circumstances for being absent.
- 2) Must do ALL THREE of the following things. a) video record yourself playing all the concert music for grading by the teacher, or play the concert music for the teacher in person, 2) write a 2-3 page, typed report on a composer (with at least three cited sources, APA style) chosen by the teacher, and present it to the class, and 3) attend a music concert, approved by the teacher, and type a one page, typed, summary of the event.

Digital Devices, NO Gum, Food, Drinks or Hats (part of rule #1 be respectful):

All District rules apply (see student handbook). Water bottles are permitted.
Digital devices must be turned off and stored out of sight. Referral possible.

