

# Dr. Henry Karrer Middle School

## Orchestra Handbook

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### ORCHESTRA MISSION

Our goal as teacher and students is to develop your total understanding of music in such a way that you may continue to grow in ability and skill through middle school and into high school, while becoming able to enjoy, learn, and perform music independently. Your experience in the Dublin orchestra program will prepare you to enjoy music in college and throughout your life, either as a performer, creator, or consumer of music.

### CLASSROOM RULES

1. No food, drink, gum, or cell phones! Bottled water is permitted.
2. Go to the restroom on the way to class! If you need to go during class make sure and sign out.
3. Be in your seat, unpacked, and ready to tune by two minutes after the period begins.
4. **Respect one another!!**
5. **Come to class with a positive, hard-working attitude!**

### MATERIALS NEEDED FOR DAILY CLASSES

1. Instrument
2. Concert music and text
3. Pencil
4. Daily planner

### GRADING POLICY

Grades will be based on the students' ability to reproduce and apply skills taught in class. Grades will also be based on knowledge and application of music theory lessons, preparation for class, practice record, playing tests, participation, and concert attendance.

### NINE WEEK GRADES WILL BE SCORED AS FOLLOWS:

#### **CLASSROOM GRADE: 30% of nine-week grade**

- Student's daily musical preparation.
- Bringing materials to class.
- Personal effort during class and interaction with classmates.

#### **WRITTEN/PLAYING HOMEWORK/ASSESSMENTS: 60% of nine-week grade**

- **Playing quizzes/tests will be given double weight.**
- See Mr. Hawley immediately if you miss a quiz or test.
  - Assignments not completed within five school days will receive an automatic 10% reduction.
- Any assignment may be repeated as many times as the student wishes for the highest score.
- Playing quizzes on performance pieces must be completed before the performance.

#### **PERFORMANCE ATTENDANCE: 10% of nine-week grade**

- Attendance based.
- If a student must miss the concert an alternate assignment will be given.
- Emergencies will be handled on an individual basis.

## **PRACTICE TIPS**

1. Do not practice with a “time” goal, practice with a “musical” goal.
2. Build routine into your practicing, which will then become habit. Always practice in the same place, at the same time, and with the same frequency.
3. Practice the class assignment before playing stuff for fun. Work from hard to easy, or boring to fun.
4. Practice with friends or play for your family frequently. Build fun activities into your practicing.
5. Have fun!! If you are frustrated, stop practicing and come back later.

**Warning:** Your practice time is just like homework. If you do not practice regularly you will not improve, and you will not succeed in orchestra. Practicing is one of the most important parts of your orchestra experience. You will not always want to practice, but the more it becomes habit the more successful you will be!

## **EXTRA CREDIT**

Students may receive extra credit by attending a concert or performing.

5 points for an attendance. 10 points for a performance.

Extra credit can only bring your quarter grade up two-thirds of a letter grade.

## **CONCERT ATTIRE**

**Boys:** White button down dress shirt OR Orchestra Polo, black dress pants, black or dark brown dress shoes, black socks, neck tie.

**Girls:** White dress blouse OR Orchestra Polo, long black skirt (to knees or lower) or black dress slacks, black or dark brown dress shoes.

No jeans or athletic shoes!!! School dress code is in effect for all orchestra performances!

## **1<sup>ST</sup> HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT – Due by our next class!**

**Join our texting group to receive important information quickly!**

- 1) Download the SmartDevice app called “Remind” or go to [remind.com](http://remind.com)
- 2) Subscribe to your class:

**OR**

- 1) Text your class code to 81010

## **Class Codes....**

- 5th Grade: @mhaw2031
- 6th Grade: @mhaw2030
- 7th Grade: @mhaw2029
- 8th Grade: @mhaw2028