

Dear Orchestra Students and Families,

I am very excited that you are here in Beginning Orchestra ready to learn a new instrument. You will have the choice between violin, viola, cello, and bass. I will talk more about these instruments during the next few days!

We have 2 concerts this year. The Winter Concert is on December 15 and the Spring Concert is on May 18. All concerts will start at 7:00pm. Please note that concerts could be added during the school year.

Please read the following Hoover Beginning Orchestra Guidelines, initial each statement. Please turn into Ms. Meyer on Friday, Aug. 19.

Class rule/expectation	student initial	parent initial
Each student will bring their music and a pencil to class.		
Students will not touch anything that does not belong to them.		
Students will be ready to learn and come to class prepared.		
Students will treat all classmates and teacher with respect.		
Students will not touch the pegs on their instruments.		
Students are responsible for their instrument, to keep it in good condition, and do not let anyone touch the instrument.		
Each student will bring their instrument to class each day.		
I know I need to purchase a new Hoover PA T-shirt and it will cost about \$12.00.		
All students must be at all concerts. Your grade will be lowered by 2 whole steps if you miss a concert because of an unexcused absence.		

TURN IN ON FRIDAY AUG. 19!!!

Grading:

1. In class participation and attendance- 50%

Arrive to class on time (being early in being on time, being on time is being late) with the necessary materials, music practiced, and ready to be an active orchestra participant.

1a. Daily Participation Points

-Each day you will receive 5 points.

-You must be present to earn your 5 points.

-If you are late, you lose 1 point. If you are absent for ANY reason, you will not earn your daily points.

-You must bring your instrument each day to earn your 5 points. If your instrument is not with you in rehearsal, you will lose your 5 daily points

2. Written Assignments- 10%

Practice logs, listening journal, music theory handouts, any papers that need to be returned to school and signed are all part of the written assignment category.

4. Performance and Testing - 40%

Students will be tested regularly on the music and technique. These play tests will happen inside class, or as tape tests. All students are required to participate in the concerts. An unexcused absence will lower your grade 2 whole steps. We are a team, and every member is important.

4a. Every student is expected to participate in ALL performances. The performance schedule can change, any additions will be announced at least 14 days in advance.

5. Grading Scale:

A+ 100 and up	B+ 86-89	C+ 76-79	D+ 66-69
A 95-99	B 85-89	C 75-79	D 65-69
A- 90-94	B- 80-84	C- 70-74	D- 60-64