

Overview of Chamber Orchestra 2017-2018

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Chamber Orchestra is an Honors class for experienced string players who have an interest and ability to perform and rehearse with a high level of musicianship. The class will strive to further develop each student's musical and creative capabilities within the context of a high quality musical ensemble. Music will include classical, contemporary and popular compositions.

Grades and Expectations:

Class Rehearsal is 25 points per full week (5 points a day)

Criteria for Class Rehearsals

- Materials
- Punctuality
- Listening and Ready to Play
- No Cell Phone Use
- Knows their Parts
- Collaborative Mindset

Performances are 100 points each

Criteria for Performances

- Attendance

Students may only miss performances for *equivalent* school related events, or for illnesses requiring absence from school. For the former, the student must give at least one month's advance notice.

- Punctuality

Students must arrive on time for the dress rehearsal and/or call time to receive full credit for a performance. Call time will be 45 minutes before the start of the show unless otherwise stated by Mr. Roberts. Any unexcused late arrivals will result in a reduction of one letter grade for the performance.

Performances (continued)

-Dress code

Unless otherwise stated, concert dress is all black and formal. Students who do not dress appropriately will receive a reduction of one letter grade for the performance. No gym shoes, no jeans, and dresses should go below the knees. Blouses should be tasteful and appropriate to a concert situation. Men must wear black dress shirts with long sleeves. Our website at tohsorchestra.org has pictures from previous concerts which exemplify appropriate concert dress.

Other Grades

Students may have other assignments in the class, including playing tests and music theory work. These assignments will not make up more than 15% of the total grade.

Performances

9/13/17, Wednesday, Evening, Back to School Night (Chamber)

11/14/17, Tuesday, 6 pm, Fall Concert

2/9/18, Friday, 6 pm, Dolce Dinner

3/21/18, Wednesday or 3/22/18, Thursday, School Day to 4:00, SCSBOA

5/15/18, Tuesday, 6 pm, Spring Concert

Spring, TBA, All District Strings Festival

End of School Year, Evening, Baccalaureate (Chamber)

Trips

10/21/2017, Saturday, Bowling at Harley's

Spring, Disneyland Trip