



Doral Academy

Beginning Orchestra

Class Description

Welcome to Beginning Orchestra! This is the first step in your journey as an orchestra musician here at the Doral Academy Saddle campus! I am very excited to challenge all students to grow as musicians and as people. You will learn many new things this year, and I will be there to help you along your music journey. Concert music this year will be challenging, but I fully believe in your ability to play at a high level and think critically about the music we will play.

Orchestra Schedule

Orchestra rehearsals will take place every day Monday through Friday during 4th period (11:43am-12:30pm) or 6th period (1:23-2:10pm). Please check your students' schedule in Infinite Campus to see which period they will be attending.

Grading

Grades will be a combination of:

- **(Citizenship Grade) Participation-** Attending rehearsals, bringing all materials, attending concerts, and being actively engaged during class. Please see attached Citizenship Rubric.
- **Assignments-** Completing all class work and weekly practice goals.
- **Tests/Quizzes-** Performance, online, and verbal tests/quizzes will be given throughout the year.
- **Goal Sheets-** Weekly assignments and goals will be created during class to be prepared at home and played for me during a future class. Goal sheets will be sent home with the students daily

Materials

These materials are required at each orchestra rehearsal:

- Instrument and accessories (includes bow, extra strings, rosin, cleaning cloth, shoulder rest/sponge for violin/viola, and rock stop for cello/bass)
- Folding Music Stand (for use at home)
- Pencils with erasers
- Pencil case (optional)
- Sound Innovations Book 1 for your student's instrument.
- Current Orchestra music (I will give music to students)
- 3 ring binder
- Binder Tabs (optional)
- Tuner (There are free apps for this so this is also optional)

Practicing

Students will be graded each week on progress towards individual practice goals. These goals will be created by students on goal sheets and should be taken home and back to school for the next lesson. Please contact Ms. Pezel if you need any tips on how to help your student practice.

Concert Dates

Wednesday, October 11th, 3:30pm-5:30pm: Orchestra concert rehearsal in the MPR

Thursday, October 12th, time TBA: Fall Orchestra Concert Assembly (in the MPR during the school day)

Thursday, October 12th, 6:00pm: Fall Orchestra Concert (in the MPR)

Monday, December 11th, 3:30-5:30pm: Orchestra concert rehearsal in the MPR

Tuesday, December 12th, TBA: Winter Concert Assembly (in the MPR during the school day)

Tuesday, December 12th, 6:00pm: Winter Concert with the Doral Choir (in the MPR)

January, TBA: All Doral Orchestra Concert

Wednesday, March 27th, time TBA: Arts Integration Night

April or May TBA: Heritage Festival field trip performance (this trip is optional and has a cost)

Wednesday, May 15th, 3:30-5:30pm: Orchestra concert rehearsal in the MPR

Thursday, May 16th, time TBA: Spring Concert Assembly (in the MPR during the school day)

Thursday, May 16th, 6:00pm: Spring Concert with the Doral Choir (in the MPR)

*Student attendance at all performances is mandatory. Concert dress is a black dress shirt and black dress pants, black socks, and black shoes. Information on ordering attire will be made available shortly.

*Other optional performance opportunities will be available throughout the year and will be communicated to students and families.

Private Lessons

I would recommend that all students who are able to take private lessons- take them. Individual lessons on a one-on-one basis can help the development of the student in so many ways. Although not required, private lessons benefit all students at all levels of study. Please contact Ms. Pezel with any questions.

Orchestra Expectations

- **M**ake good choices. Do the right thing!
- **U**se good manners. Be nice!
- **S**peak when you are called on. Raise your hand!
- **I**nvolve yourself in activities, be prepared, and have fun!
- **C**are for the music room and all equipment.

Website and Contact Information

Please sign up for our class Remind 101. The invite letter is attached to this syllabus for your convenience. Remind 101 allows you to be connected to receive messages, however you wish, about Orchestra Class. Finally, if interested follow our Instagram page @orchestra_doral_saddle

Also visit our orchestra website for a list of concert dates, class sites, private instructors, and other important information at <http://www.orchestradoralsaddle.weebly.com>. Also, feel free to contact me directly with any questions or concerns that you may have. **I cannot wait to begin working with you and your young musicians!**

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Beginning Orchestra Syllabus Acknowledgement

My child and I have read and fully understand the Beginning Orchestra Syllabus. I will contact Ms. Pezel with any questions or concerns that I may have regarding concerts, grading, or materials as soon as possible. This signed syllabus page is due no later than **Friday, August 18th 2023**.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Orchestra Parent/Guardian Volunteer Form

The success of our orchestra program is dependent upon our parent/guardian support! If any of these volunteer opportunities interest you, we would greatly appreciate your help. You may sign up for more than one opportunity. I will contact you in regards to your selection as the need arises. Thank you so much for your help in advance!

Classroom Help

_____ I would like to be a parent volunteer in the classroom. This could mean various tasks like playing in rehearsal, planning class events, etc. Ms. Pezel is open to any suggestions for this role as well!

Miscellaneous Help

_____ I have a special skill that I would like to donate to the orchestra program (i.e. photography, movie making, designing orchestra apparel, organizing socials, etc.)

Parent/Guardian Name

Home Phone/Cell Phone Number (please specify)

Email