

DEPARTMENT: MUSIC

**NAME OF COURSE: STRING ORCHESTRA
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

This course emphasizes an appreciation for orchestral music from a wide variety of styles and time periods. Students learn to independently interpret music notation with accuracy and attention to detail.

MAJOR TOPICS COVERED

Music theory topics including key signatures, scales, rhythms, articulations, and dynamics will be covered as well as basic historical and stylistic characteristics.

TEXTBOOKS

Sheet music and method books are provided.

REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to come to class on time and prepared. Practice at home is necessary to maintain and improve technique and proficiency. Attendance at concerts is mandatory.

GRADING PROCEDURES

50% - Quarterly Performance Exam
25% - Lessons
25% - Participation

LESSONS

Members of the String and Chamber Orchestras are required to attend weekly lessons in groups of approximately 5-10 students. They meet on a rotating schedule. Missed lessons must be made up during free periods and/or during extra help after school.