

## Fairview Orchestras-FAQs

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### **How many concerts do students typically perform?**

#### Orchestra N81

*Regular orchestra. (No audition is required.)*

- Typically performs 3 evening concerts per school year (and a daytime outreach concert for a senior or assisted living center in Dec.). This year, however, we have additional rehearsals and performances in March with a professional chamber orchestra from Denver. Please check the website for calendar dates.

#### Orchestra N82

*Intermediate class that meets with N81 during the week, but has pull-out sectional and rehearsals. (This class requires an audition and freshmen may apply.)*

- Typically performs 4 evening concerts per school year (and a daytime outreach concert for a senior or assisted living center in December). This year, we have additional rehearsals and performances in March with a professional chamber orchestra from Denver. Please check the website for calendar dates.

#### Orchestra N86

*Chamber Orchestra (Auditions are required in Spring and open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have completed one year of N81 or N82 and have a teacher recommendation.)*

- Typically performs 4 or more concerts (and a daytime concert in December for community outreach)

### **What happens if a student forgets their instrument?**

If a student forgets their instrument, their participation grade for the day is reduced as they need music and instrument in order to engage fully in our rehearsal. I am not able to supply "loaner" instruments, unless a student's instrument is in the repair shop and they have made arrangements with the teacher in advance.

### **Where are instruments stored during the day?**

Instrument lockers are supplied for viola and violin students in the hallway outside the practice rooms. Students will be issued a school combo lock from the Ms. Anderson in class. There is a \$10 fine for combo locks that are lost or stolen. School cellos and basses are stored in the instrument room.

### **Are there instruments available for rent?**

You may rent instruments to use at school on a first come-first served basis. The cost is \$75 for the year. Please make checks payable to *Fairview Orchestra*. Mrs. Anderson supplies rental forms at school.

### **What if I would like to find a private teacher for my child?**

Please see the Private Instructor List on our orchestra webpage for ideas of local teachers in the area. This is not an exhaustive list. I recommend that students ask a teacher for a "trial" lesson to make sure it is a good fit for both parties before deciding on a private instructor.

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### **What is the dress code for performances?**

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#### Orchestra N81 & N82

Uniforms are required performance attire and differ according to the class in which the students are enrolled.

- Students receive a dress shirt (men) or tunic (women) at the beginning of the year during class. Ties and sashes are checked out and in at each performance.
- Students (male and female) need to wear solid colored black dress pants and black dress shoes or sandals. Students supply their own pants and shoes.
- Please, no jeans, tennis shoes, white socks or skirts.
- Lost uniforms will result in a fine on the student's account.

#### Orchestra N86 (Chamber)

*Intermediate class that meets with N81 during the week, but has pull-out sectional and rehearsals. (This class requires an audition and freshmen may apply.)*

- Students purchase their own uniform and are responsible for cleaning/maintenance.

### **What happens if a student misses a class?**

Students do not accumulate participation points for classes that they miss since our class is rehearsal-based and that time cannot be re-created. Excused absences may be made up by helping Mrs. Anderson with orchestra tasks-concert help, filing music, helping at Southern Hills orchestra classes or concerts, etc. If a student misses a class due to other Fairview school activities, there is no penalty as long as I am notified at least 24 hours in advance via a field trip form which is located on my webpage. EXCUSED absences (sickness, doctor) may be made up, but the student does not receive participation credit for the class that they missed. Concert and rehearsal attendance is required except in the case of a direct Fairview conflict. See the syllabus on the website for details.

### **How does the Director determine orchestra class placement?**

Auditions are in the spring (late March or early April) for Chamber Orchestra (N86) and (N82). N81 Orchestra is a great place to start when transitioning to high school and an audition is not required. We have students with wide-ranging technique and experience. N81 has a lighter concert load than the other orchestra classes. N82 is intended for students who make music a regular part of their everyday lives and have their sights set on auditioning for the Classic Knights Chamber Orchestra before graduating. N82 is open to all ages by audition. N86 is for students who are eager to explore vast and challenging repertoire in a traditional small chamber orchestra setting (about 25 students) with like-minded, dedicated musicians. This class requires one to be very comfortable playing 3 octave scales, major and minor, in fast and slow tempos, fully developed vibrato, and a mastery of varied bowing techniques. Placement in this class is open to sophomores, juniors, and seniors who have been in school orchestra the previous year and have been chosen by audition only.