

General Course Information

Course Name: <u>High School String Orchestra</u>	
Department: Music/Orchestra	Grade Level(s): 9-12
Duration/Credits: 1 year (2 semesters) 1 credit	Prerequisites: Students must be able to read music on a stringed instrument (violin/viola/cello/bass) and obtain instructor approval prior to enrolling in the class.
BOE Approval Date: 11/19/19	Course Code: H7340
Course Description:	
High School String Orchestra classes work to develop musicians who will be able to perform in ensembles beyond the school setting. This course will continue to emphasize learning to play with steady pulse, note reading, rhythm reading, bowing techniques, shifting, expressive musical terms, intonation, and learning to play in an ensemble. Emphasis will continue to reinforce the fundamentals of good posture and playing skills.	
Course Rationale:	
The high school string orchestra fosters development of playing and listening skills of all students through active, hands-on participation. Playing in a strings ensemble encourages growth in personal discipline, persistence, cooperation, concentration, and communication. An emphasis on how to create quality in both sound and performance leads to personal enjoyment and success as music is a global language.	
Course Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student will demonstrate proper playing posture and position.• The student will perform rhythms ranging from basic to more complex.• The student will develop bowing technique to produce appropriate dynamics, expressive markings, and tone.• The student will develop basic vibrato technique.• The student will learn how to read more complex music notation and expressive markings. (A+ Reading)• The student will develop and discern intonation. (A+ Speaking and Listening)• The student will learn how to play with alternative fingerings (shifting). (A+ Writing)	

- The student will perform music from various genres and research background and history. (A+ Research)
- The student will demonstrate skills of performing in an ensemble.
- The student will perform for community members and in alternative settings.

Standards Alignment:

<https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/curr-mls-standards-fa-music-sboe-2019.pdf>