

## General Course Information

<b>Course Name: Middle School Advanced String Orchestra</b>	
Department: Music/Strings	Grade Level(s): 6-8
Duration/Credits: 1 year/1 Credit	Prerequisites: Students must have taken Middle School Intermediate String Orchestra Class
BOE Approval Date: February 2023	Course Code: M7650
<b>Course Description:</b>	
<p>Middle School Advanced String Orchestra advances the instrumental performance skills acquired in earlier training. This class is intended to provide students with advanced instrumental training in technique, stylistic interpretation and artistic performance. Through the performance of advanced musical literature, students will learn history, aesthetics, technical skills and criticism analysis. Middle School Advanced String Orchestra represents the school at various performances throughout the year, both on and off campus, school, and community events.</p>	
<b>Course Rationale:</b>	
<p>The middle school strings program fosters the development of playing and listening skills of all students through active, hands-on participation. Playing in a strings class 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.</p>	
<b>Course Objectives:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The student will demonstrate proper playing posture and position.</li><li>● The student will perform rhythms ranging from basic to more complex.</li><li>● The student will develop bowing technique to produce appropriate dynamics, expressive markings, and tone.</li><li>● The student will develop basic vibrato technique.</li><li>● The student will learn how to read basic to more complex music notation and expressive markings.</li><li>● The student will develop and discern intonation. Students will learn how to play with alternative fingerings (shifting).</li><li>● The student will demonstrate adequate skills of performing in an ensemble.</li><li>● The student will develop effective practice habits.</li><li>● The student will perform for a variety of audiences.</li></ul>	
<b>Standards Alignment:</b>	
<a href="https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/curr-mls-standards-fa-music-sboe-2019.pdf">https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/curr-mls-standards-fa-music-sboe-2019.pdf</a>	