

6th Grade Beginning Orchestra Syllabus

Course Description/Goals:

65315 | Grade 6 Beginning Orchestra (Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass) Students need no musical experience and will try out for placement by the director on one of the four instruments in Orchestra.

Course TEKS/Objectives:

The goal of 6th Grade Beginning Orchestra is to introduce students to the fundamentals of string playing while building a strong foundation in musicianship, technique, and ensemble skills. This course is designed for students with **no prior string experience** and serves as the first step toward participation in Intermediate and Advanced Orchestras in future years. Each category contains specific standards (TEKS) that students are expected to master. [Chapter 117. Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills for Fine Arts Subchapter B. Middle School](#)

Course Outline:

Semester 1	Semester 2
<p>Develop proper posture and instrument care for violin, viola, cello, or bass.</p> <p>Learn correct left-hand and bowing technique to produce a clear, beautiful tone.</p> <p>Read and interpret music notation including rhythms, pitches, dynamics, and basic articulations.</p> <p>Play simple scales, exercises, and songs with accurate pitch, steady rhythm, and appropriate bow control.</p>	<p>Listen and respond within an ensemble, demonstrating the ability to follow the conductor and blend with other musicians.</p> <p>Gain confidence performing in front of an audience through concerts and informal class performances.</p> <p>Foster an appreciation for music as both an art form and a means of self-expression.</p>

