

CFISD MS Orchestra (6th-8th) Scope and Sequence (2026–2027)

Course Description

Middle school orchestra is a course of study that introduces and develops musical concepts and skills related to instrumental music. Students learn to play a string instrument and perform music. Students are placed in performing ensembles after the beginner year based on auditions. Participation in a performing group offers the students the opportunity to experience a high level of teamwork, develop a high degree of personal responsibility, and acquire leadership skills.

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills: [Music TEKS](#)

First Semester (80 Days**)

1st Grading Period

Unit	Start Date	End Date
Tonal Development, Technical Development, Rhythmic Development, Ensemble Development, Musicianship, Theory, Team Skills, Performances – All Ongoing.	08/14/2026	10/9/2026

*2nd Grading Period

Unit	Start Date	End Date
Tonal Development, Technical Development, Rhythmic Development, Ensemble Development, Musicianship, Theory, Team Skills, Performances – All Ongoing.	10/21/2026	12/18/2026

Second Semester (93 Days**)

3rd Grading Period

Unit	Start Date	End Date
Tonal Development, Technical Development, Rhythmic Development, Ensemble Development, Musicianship, Theory, Team Skills, Performances – All Ongoing.	01/05/2027	03/11/2027

*4th Grading Period

Unit	Start Date	End Date
Tonal Development, Technical Development, Rhythmic Development, Ensemble Development, Musicianship, Theory, Team Skills, Performances – All Ongoing.	03/29/2027	05/27/2027

Notes

* Includes time for Final Exams.

**The length of each unit is a specific number of days, but it is understood that there is a range of +/- a day. The purpose of the flexibility is to allow teachers the opportunity to plan for the needs of their students and to accommodate re-teaching or review when necessary. If pre-assessment indicates student mastery could be obtained in a shorter number of days, the additional time could be used for extension or carried into the next unit.

Instructional Materials

Adopted Materials