Beginner Orchestra
1st & 3rd Period, 2026-27
Instructional Plan

8/10/2026

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Beginner Orchestra

The Beginner Orchestra is for all students with little to no experience being in orchestra or playing the instruments in the orchestra. This class will build the fundamental stepping stones for students' success before moving on to more advanced orchestras. This success is driven by you as the student to come to class with a mindset conducive to growing and learning. The Beginner orchestra will consistently aim to push our personal understanding and skill in orchestra.

Moreover, the students will champion all other students by encouraging and setting the example of what it means to be in the Beginner Orchestra both inside and outside of the classroom.

Expectations for being in the Beginner Orchestra

Being a member of the Beginner orchestra all members need to exemplify what it means to be a member of the orchestra. We share a commitment to excellence and comradery to push the boundaries of our knowledge, skills, and musicianship to have better performances on and off the stage.

Shared principles:

- **Be Respectful** - We must respect our peers, teachers, ourselves, our equipment and our instruments. Treat everyone with kindness and consideration, especially when they are making mistakes or learning something new.
- **Be Prepared** - Come to class with your instrument, materials, and the right mindset to have a successful rehearsal. Practicing is essential for our success and being prepared for our rehearsals and performances.
- **Be Disciplined** - Good Musicianship is routed in successful daily routines and effort. Always strive for improvement everyday, no matter how small it may be. Discipline will help you stay consistent especially when you don't feel like practicing.
- **Be a Team Player** - We succeed together and we fail together. Support your section, listen actively, and offer encouragement to your peers
- **Take Ownership** - Students are responsible for their own progress, preparation, and behavior. We all must take ownership of our mistakes rather than making excuses. Apologizing and fixing behavior without being forced and helping our peers who are struggling.

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

We will have weekly rehearsals covering technique, musical nuances, and collaborating to create the best music performances we can. We will be working together to achieve the goals determined by the director as well as a class as a whole.

COURSE ACTIVITIES (What we will be doing)

Below you will find descriptions of the most common activities that students will participate in during the course of each semester.

Throughout the year, students will:

- Practicing at home Daily
- 2-3 Rehearsals per week
- Multiple Performances/Concerts throughout the year
- Before or After school rehearsals
- Chair tests

GRADES - Click here for → YWLA Grading Policy

Major (Chair Tests, Concerts)	60%
Minor (Participation in rehearsals)	40%

Concert Dates (Major Grades)

October 17th - All City Orchestra
October 20th - Fall Concert
November 12th - 14th - All City Clinic and Concert
Dec 8th - Christmas Concert
February 15th - Pre-UIL Concert
April 1st - String Fling
May 13th - Orchestra and Guitar Combined Spring Concert

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. We are excited to work together to make this a successful year of learning!