

2014-2015 Symphony Orchestra Syllabus

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Overview

The orchestra is a performance group that performs several times throughout the school year. Such performances include winter concert, spring concert, evening of the arts, POPS and graduation. The orchestra may also perform at an adjudication. This group will perform a varied repertoire of music ranging from grade three selections to grade six selections. Students in symphony orchestra may also elect to try out for jazz band and/or the CMEA southern region band and/or orchestra. Any student who elects to try out and participate in these groups will receive extra credit.

Expectations

Rehearsals and performance are **mandatory**. Students are expected to be on time and prepared for class and any after school rehearsal (if needed). This includes having your music, instrument and a pencil. Attendance at all performances including concerts is mandatory. The final performance of the year is graduation. Graduation is part of our final exam and students are expected to be there in order to receive full credit for the year.

Attendance Policy

See page 29-33 of the student handbook. This can be found at www.amityregion5.org under Resources, Students/Parents, Student Handbook.

Grading

34% of your grade will be based on assessments and performances. Various formative and summative assessments will be administered throughout this course. These include in-class and on-line assessments. Because this is a performance group it is important that all students attend all performances.

33% of your grade will be based on attendance. Students are expected to attend every class and any extra rehearsals. Students are also expected to be on time to every class and extra rehearsals. Students are not allowed to miss more than one extra rehearsal (if needed). Students must have a parent or guardian written excuse and cannot miss consecutive rehearsals unless approved by the director.

33% Preparation. Students are expected to be prepared for every rehearsal and performance. This requires students to have their instrument, music and a pencil for notes during class. Students are also required to practice their instrument at least five times a week. This also requires students to have the proper dress for all performances.