**KISER MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA**

**HANDBOOK**

**2021-2022**

**KISER**



**ORCHESTRA**

**REHEARSAL EXPECTATIONS:**  
  
The quality of each performance and the success of our year will be determined by the quality of our rehearsals. Your careful attention to these rules will guarantee our success:

1.) BE ON TIME - Everyone in the orchestra has an important part to play. It is not ideal to start without you and warm up is very important. Please be in your seat with your instrument assembled, ready to play, within THREE MINUTES of the late bell.  
  
2.) BE PREPARED - Please be sure that your instrument is in good working order (i.e.: have music, book, rosin and any other equipment, especially a SHARPENED PENCIL, WITH YOU EVERY DAY.)  
  
3.) KNOW YOUR MUSIC - Rehearsal is not the time to learn your individual part. Rehearsal is the time to make all the parts work together. We cannot do this unless you learn your part ahead of time. Rehearsals will be much more fun, interesting, and productive if you practice ahead of time.  
  
4.) MUSIC FOLDERS - YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR FOLDER! Be sure to put it away in the cabinet after each rehearsal. You are free to take it home to practice at any time, but please return it to school for class.  
  
5.)FOCUS/ DISCIPLINE - We will accomplish a lot more in rehearsal if you concentrate and listen to the conductor at all times. When we stop, it is for the conductor to talk, not the students, unless they raise their hands to ask a question. Completing homework for other classes during rehearsal is not acceptable. Playing on your electronic devices is also not acceptable unless it is necessary for class. In that case, Ms. Green will let you know when those times are.

**GRADING POLICY**

*Orchestra students will be graded in the following categories*:

-**participation/preparation 25%** –you are expected to play and participate in class each and every day. You are to be engaged in what we are doing in class throughout the entire period. Completely homework for other classes during rehearsal will not be tolerated. Playing on your phones/social media/electronic devices during rehearsal is not tolerated. Your grade will suffer if you are not 100% engaged in rehearsal for the entire period.

**-playing quizzes/assignments 25%** – Anytime we have a playing quiz, students will be graded on several concepts. Such include posture, playing position (set-up), tone, note accuracy, articulation, dynamics, phrasing, musical interpretation. When a playing quiz is announced, the student will be given ample time to prepare. Preparation must include practicing at home. Assignments that may be given must be turned in on due date for full credit.

-**concert attendance/performance/extra rehearsals 50% –** Attending orchestra concerts is mandatory and failure to attend for unexcused reasons will result in a zero (0) grade. Excused reasons include, sickness, death in family, injury, extreme circumstances that must be cleared with Ms. Green prior to the event by parent communication.

Dress Code for Performances

Please wear:

-Black Slacks

-Black button down dress shirt/blouse

or

White button down dress shirt

-Tie

-Bow tie

-Black socks

-Black dress shoes

-Black suit jacket (or tux jacket/sport coat)

Please do NOT wear:

Leggings

Skin tight pants

Skirts

Ripped material

See-through material

Casual shoes such as sneakers, flip flops, Uggs, Birkenstocks, bedroom slippers

Anything that is not solid black and/or white

Sweatshirts/sweat pants

Jeans

Half shirts

Tube tops

Clothing exposing private zones

GCS ALL COUNTY ORCHESTRA AUDITION REQUIREMENTS 2021-2022

**Auditions:**November 16 @Northern HS starting at 4:30PM

Northern Guilford High School, Sandra Rathbone, Host

**Clinic:** January 26-27, 2022

Southwest HS, Joel Wenger, Host

**Concert**: Saturday, January 27 starting at 3:30 PM

Southwest HS, Joel Wenger, Host

***Middle School Requirements***

**TBA**

**ORCHESTRA**

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email Ms. Green with any questions!

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**Kiser Orchestra Information Sheet 2021-2022**

*Please fill out this form and turn back into Ms. Green ASAP. Please print clearly.*

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Parent Email:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What instrument does your student play? (Circle one)

Violin Viola Cello String Bass

By signing this, you agree that we may use your contact information to communicate with you regarding orchestra matters throughout the school year.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_