

Hamilton Southeastern High School Southeastern Orchestra Syllabus

Concert Orchestra (MUS301, 302)
Camerata Orchestra (MUS303, 304)
Philharmonic Orchestra (MUS311, 312)
Symphony Orchestra (MUS323, 324)

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Welcome to great year as a member of the Southeastern Orchestra Program! The following syllabus should outline all you will need to know regarding our upcoming school year and function as our orchestra department handbook. **Be sure to read this complete syllabus as a few items might have changed or been added since previous years.** If questions do arise, please feel free to contact me by email or telephone.

The Mission of the Hamilton Southeastern High School Orchestra Department Is:

- 1.) To challenge orchestra students with a variety of rigorous, diverse, and meaningful repertoire and music ensemble curriculum consistent with the Indiana Academic Standards for music by rehearsing and performing at the highest level of excellence and creating positive, life-changing experiences through music.
- 2.) To inspire individual and musical growth as future leaders and professionals in effort to produce individuals who “promote respect, foster pride, and inspire excellence,” while fostering a welcoming artistic and educational environment where students of all abilities and backgrounds feel mentally, physically, and emotionally safe.
- 3.) To represent Hamilton Southeastern Schools and our community through musical excellence as flagship student musical groups.

Mr. Tschiniak’s Schedule

Period 1: Department Chair Prep
Period 2: Philharmonic Orchestra
Period 3: Symphony Orchestra
Period 4: Concert Orchestra
Period 5: Camerata Orchestra
Period 6: Prep
Period 7: Assist FCI/HIJH Beginning Orchestra

Responsibilities and Expectations for Orchestra

*The purpose of a rehearsal is to learn everyone else's part, never your own!
Your own preparation is your welcoming gift to your colleagues.*

- Our rehearsals will be focused on accomplishing our orchestra department mission by growing as musicians and devoting our efforts to honoring and creating music at the highest level. During our rehearsals:
 - No work from other classes should occur
 - No electronic device usage beyond tuning
 - No food or drink is allowed except for water
- You are expected to conduct yourself as a professional musician in a symphony orchestra. This means:

- Respect yourself and others
- Respect our facilities
- Be attentive and quiet during rehearsals
- Take notes in your music with only a pencil
- Contribute to the orchestra's success with your preparation through regular practice
- Come prepared with your materials for every class. You are expected to have:
 - Instrument
 - Music
 - Rosin
 - Cleaning Cloth
 - Extra Strings
 - Electronic device with tuning app or tuner
 - Pencil
 - Shoulder Rest for Violins and Violas
 - Mute

While each student is expected to possess the maturity to remain disciplined and provide self-correction, consequences for deciding to not participate as a professional music student include specific communication between teacher and student, communication with student's parents, and involvement of appropriate school administration.

Daily Rehearsal Procedure:

- Students are in the orchestra room at or before bell. You will be counted tardy if you arrive to the orchestra room after the bell.
- You have two minutes to prepare for rehearsal and find your seat. This includes resolving any music or instrument issues.
- Tuning pitches will begin two minutes after bell. You will be counted tardy if you are not tuning in your seat at this time.
- Students will have one minute to put away instruments, music, etc. and prepare for the dismissal bell.

Code of Conduct

Members of the Hamilton Southeastern High School Orchestra program are to set a positive example at all times. As a musical ambassador, your every action reflects on the orchestra, school, and the school district as a whole. Being an active member of the music department affords opportunities that other students do not receive. As a result, your level of citizenship must reflect your ability to handle those responsibilities.

All rules governing the behavior of individuals at HSEHS will be in effect at all rehearsals and performances. Any student found in violation of the rules and regulations outlined in the HSEHS Student Handbook or this syllabus will be disciplined according to administrative policies.

Transportation

Transportation to and from all performances and designated activities away from school will be done with school provided transportation unless communicated differently. Students are not allowed to drive to any event to which transportation has been provided. However, in special situations, parents or guardians may drive or pick up their student provided written permission has been received by the director in advance.

Grading

- Grades will be weighted as such:
 - 40% Performance
 - 35% Playing and written tests
 - 25% Rehearsal grade
- Daily Rehearsal Grade: Students are required to be adequately prepared for each class, including practice, materials, and attitude. See section below.

- **Required Events: Each required orchestra event is worth 100-200 points. Students can be excused from required events with an acceptable conflict and 2 weeks written advance notice from a parent. The final decision rests with Mr. Tschiniak. Extreme and emergency situations do arise; please communicate with Mr. Tschiniak to work through any issues.**
 - Athletic Conflicts: Please see the performing arts and athletic agreement.
 - Excused Absences:
 - Personal illness with a doctor or parent note to be turned in the next day the student is in attendance at school.
 - Death in the family
 - Religious observance
 - Extreme emergencies at the discretion of the director
 - Excused rehearsals can be fully made up by performing a playing test assigned by Mr. Tschiniak
 - Unexcused Absences
 - Anything not covered above will be considered unexcused, *including work*.
 - Unexcused rehearsals can be partially made up by performing a playing test assigned by Mr. Tschiniak.
 - Because of the nature of the performing arts, unexcused performances cannot be made up by completing any assignments.

This attendance policy has been adopted by the entire performing arts department

ALL ORCHESTRA EVENTS – REQUIRED AND OPTIONAL – ARE FOUND ON THE CANVAS CALENDAR

You can also access the orchestra Google calendar with the same events at

https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=hseorchestras@gmail.com&ctz=America/New_York

- Playing and Written Tests: Formative and summative tests will be necessary depending on the preparation of the students.
- Extra Credit Opportunities: These might arise throughout the school year.
- A final exam worth 20% of the final grade will be given each semester.

Daily Rehearsal Grade

Students will earn a daily rehearsal grade for their involvement in each class period. These will be entered into Skyward on a weekly basis. Here is the breakdown of the daily grade:

- Students can earn up to 20 points for each rehearsal
- No instrument-deduct 20 points
- *Using electronic device (ipad, cell phone, etc.) beyond tuning app-deduct 20 points*
- No music-deduct 10 points
- No supplies (rosin, pencil, homework if applicable)-deduct 5 points
- Attitude for success not apparent-deduct 10-20 points
- Daily preparation on instrument not apparent-deduct 10-20 points

Seating Placement

All orchestra students will take ownership of their respective ensembles and contribute essential elements to the growth of the program. With this in mind, we will exercise a rotating seating philosophy. It is imperative to have strong string players sitting throughout each section and weaker players sitting with students who can inspire progress. Once principal musicians are chosen, seating placements for each concert will be posted.

Concert Admissions

Admission is charged for HSE Orchestra concerts:

Adult: \$5

Student and Senior Citizen: \$3

Children 5 years and younger: Free

HSE Employee and guest with school ID: Free

Attire

Formal Concert Attire

Most orchestra performances will require student musicians to wear *formal concert* attire.
What does this mean?

Gentlemen

Black dress shoes, black socks, black dress or tux pants, white dress or tux shirt,
black cummerbund, black bow tie, black tux jacket

What the school provides

Black cummerbund, black bow tie, black tux jacket

Students are responsible for the shoes, socks, pants, and shirt.

These can be purchased at your favorite retailer or from these suggested links:

<https://sepapparel.com/adjustable-pleated-tuxedo-pant-men-choir.html>

<https://sepapparel.com/adjustable-flat-front-tuxedo-pant-men-choir.html>

<https://sepapparel.com/wing-collar-tuxedo-shirt-men-concert-choir.html>

<https://sepapparel.com/regular-collar-tuxedo-shirt-men-concert-choir.html>

<https://sepapparel.com/unisex-shoes-choir.html>

Ladies

Students are responsible for the complete ladies' formal concert attire

Option 1: Black, floor-length dress (not strapless)

Option 2: Black pants and top combination

-Black dress pants (no leggings)-

-Black blouse or top (not sleeveless or strapless)-

A black sweater, shawl, cardigan, or shrug is acceptable for either option.

These can be purchased at your favorite retailer or from these suggested links:

<https://sepapparel.com/ladies/concert-dresses.html>

<https://sepapparel.com/black-dress-pant-ladies-concert-choir.html>

<https://sepapparel.com/ladies/concert-separates/tops-tunics.html>

<https://sepapparel.com/ladies/concert-separates/cardigans-shrugs.html>

Private Lessons

It is highly encouraged that your son or daughter explores private lessons. Mr. Tschiniak will provide a list of outstanding and dependable private violin, viola, cello, and bass teachers in the greater Indianapolis area. Also, several music stores and local colleges offer performing arts programs with private and group lessons.

Technology

Skyward will be used to record student progress and grades. **Canvas** will be regularly utilized to post announcements, quizzes, playing assignments, listening assignments, and reflections.

Please use our orchestra department website as a hub for information, including events, calendar, and announcements. Bookmark the website at www.southeasternorchestras.org.

We will use the education communication tool **Remind** to send important communication. Students and parents are encouraged to participate. To join your orchestra's thread, text your class code to 81010:

Symphony - @sso1920
Philharmonic - @rpo1920
Camerata - @hscam1920
Concert - @hsco1920