

KERRVILLE ISD SECONDARY ORCHESTRA HANDBOOK AND SYLLABUS

2017-2018



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Welcome to the Kerrville ISD Orchestra Program!

Please read the handbook carefully and return the "KISD Orchestra Handbook Signature Page" to class, signed by both the student and the parent/guardian.

The Kerrville Independent School District is pleased to offer a program that is open to students in grades four through twelve. Students enrolled in orchestra are expected to strive for the following qualities: **musicianship, personal excellence, responsibility, dependability, teamwork and dedication.**

Purpose

The skills and experiences of orchestral study will enhance lifelong learning, attention to detail, teamwork, a love of music, and independent musicianship. Our curriculum includes the Orchestra Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, including music performance, theory, history and appreciation.

Conduct Expectations

Orchestra members will observe all procedures set forth by the Kerrville ISD in addition to the following as they pertain to the instrumental music setting:

- Follow directions
- Be respectful to the directors and fellow musicians
- Be punctual to all rehearsals and performances
- No gum, food or drink in rehearsals or concert settings
- No horseplay or running
- No touching, handling, borrowing or using anyone else's instrument or personal belongings

Practice Expectations

Students are expected to spend individual, out-of-class time practicing each week. Practice should be spread out over the course of the week. Practice records may be used by the directors to verify times. Practice should be an organized with specific goals including working on scales, orchestra passages and solo work as assigned.

Concert and Performances Expectations

Concerts and performances are an integral part of the orchestra curriculum. All concerts are mandatory and count as test/exam grades. Excused absences only include family emergencies and personal illness.

Grading Policy

Daily Grades – 40% - participation, quizzes, mastery of instrumental skills, practice records

Concert Grades – 60%- concerts and other performances, playing tests, written tests

Classroom Supplies

1 or 1.5 inch three ring binder

Pencil

Rosin (bass students need Pops brand)

Cleaning cloth

Tuner

Folding music stand for home practice

Replacement strings as needed

Shoulder rest for violin/viola

Rock stop for cello/bass

(Instrumental supplies can be ordered from the following San Antonio stores by phone or email): Antonio Strad Violin Shop 210-349-9788 or Terra Nova Violin Shop 866-649-4700

Concert Attire

BT Wilson Orchestra Students and HPMS Intermediate

Boys: white dress shirt, black dress pants and black dress shoes

Girls - white dress shirt, black pants or skirt or black dress, black dress shoes

HPMS Advanced

Boys: white dress shirt or KISD issued shirt, your own black dress pants and black dress shoes

Girls - KISD black dress, your own black dress shoes

Tivy HS

KISD tuxedos and formal concert dresses, your own black dress shoes

KISD concert uniforms will be distributed in the Fall Concert uniforms are required for every concert. KISD concert uniforms will be collected after the last concert in May.

Equipment

Parents/guardians are encouraged to rent or purchase a high quality instrument from music sources with a knowledge and specialty in string instruments. Kerrville ISD generously makes available a limited number of district-owned instruments. These are available at the beginning of the school year on the designated sign-out dates. All KISD instruments must be returned in May on the designated return date.

School District (KISD) Instruments

1. Instruments loaned to students through KISD are for the school year only (August through May) and are to be returned on designated dates. KISD does not charge a fee for the use of district instruments during the school year
2. School district instruments will be loaned in excellent playing condition and are to be kept in good repair. Missing strings, bridges, etc., are the financial responsibility of the parent/guardian and the student. Directors must always be informed when an instrument appears to be in need of repair. The directors will give information on qualified and approved instrument repairmen and string instrument stores who carry approved brand name supplies. **Under no circumstances should repairs be done by anyone other than district approved repairmen and music store.**
3. School district orchestral instruments for elementary, middle school, and high school students will be distributed from the B.T. Wilson 6th grade campus. **School instruments must be signed out by the parent/guardian at the beginning of the school year.**

Rented or Purchased Instruments

Students may use their own instrument at school and concerts. String instruments come in different sizes and are measured according to the student's height, arm length and hand size. Appropriately sized instruments are very important to the success of each student. Parents/guardians who are renting or purchasing an instrument will be given a list of reliable brands and music stores to contact. Each student will be measured for the correct size at the beginning of the school year by the orchestra director. Students who accompany their parent/guardian to the music store may be measured at the store. **Antonio Strad Violin Shop and Terra Nova Violin Shop located in San Antonio have indicated it may be possible to deliver instruments and supplies. Parents should make arrangements directly with the store. Do not return store rented instruments to KISD.** Textbooks and Sheet Music

The Texas Education Agency has approved textbooks and method books for all Texas Music Programs. These textbooks are the property of the State of Texas and must be returned by the student in good condition at the end of the school year. Sheet music will

be provided for student use and should be kept neatly in an organized manner. A binder with plastic sheet protectors is highly encouraged.

Parents/guardians may enrich their child's musical training by providing additional sheet music, technique books, and solo repertoire. Some excellent sources of string music are: RBC Music, Antonio Strad Violin Shop, and Terra Nova Violin Shop in San Antonio, Southweststrings.com, Sharmusic.com and amazon.com.

Instrument Sign-Out For students using a KISD instrument

LOCATION: B.T. Wilson 6th Grade Campus, Orchestra Room (near back parking lot).

The orchestra directors will notify parents and students of dates. A parents/guardians of students using a district instrument are required to sign the instrument loan agreement.

Parents/guardians will sign a **District Instrument Loan Agreement** at the time of pick-up. There is no fee for a school instrument; however, it is the financial responsibility of the student and parent/guardian to maintain the instrument in good condition, including replacing broken strings with approved brand name strings.

All school district instruments are to be returned to B.T. Wilson at the end of the school year in May. The directors will designate return dates. Summer rentals are available at San Antonio music stores.

Music stores specializing in string instruments, located in San Antonio:

- Antonio Strad Violin Shop: (210)-349-9788
- Terra Nova Violin Shop: toll free (866)-649-4700

If renting or purchasing from another store or source, please try to avoid poor quality. All reputable music stores will allow you to return an instrument that the teacher finds unacceptable! It is very discouraging to learn on an instrument that is difficult to play because of wood that is warped, or because of bridges and pegs that are not properly fitted, making the instrument impossible to tune. Ask the music store if the instrument has been set up and adjusted to MENC standards. Do not order from unknown online sources.

Orchestra Fees for TIVY Orchestra Students

An Orchestra Fee of \$25 and will be due in September. It will cover a Tivy Orchestra shirt, uniform upkeep and additional instrumental supplies. All checks should be made payable to Tivy Orchestra. Students may pay by cash or check.

2017 – 2018 KISD ORCHESTRA CALENDAR

All concerts are at 7:00pm in the Tivy HS Theatre unless specified

- October 24** **Tivy HS and HPMS Orchestras Fall Concert**
- December 14** **Tivy HS Orchestra Concert**
- December 19** **HPMS/BTW Orchestras Concert**
- December 21** **Elementary Orchestra Concert (DES, NES, SES, TES) 6:30pm BTW Gym**
- February 27** **HPMS/BTW Orchestras Concert**
- May 3** **Tivy HS Orchestra Concert**
- May 8** **HPMS/BTW Orchestras Concert**
- May 22** **Elementary Orchestra Concert (SES/TES) 6:00pm BTW Cafeteria**
- May 24** **Elementary Orchestra Concert (DES/NES) 6:00pm BTW Cafeteria**

TMEA / UIL CONTEST & CLINIC DATES

HIGH SCHOOL

- October 23** – TMEA Region Orchestra Auditions
- December 8/9** – TMEA Region Orchestra Clinic & Concert
- February 14/15/16/17** – TMEA All-State Concerts
- March 1/2** – UIL Orchestra Concert & Sight-Reading
- May 25/26/27/28** – UIL Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- November 11** – TMEA Region Orchestra Auditions
- December 8/9** – TMEA Region Orchestra Clinic & Concert
- March 6/7/8** – UIL Orchestra Concert & Sight-Reading

KISD Orchestra Handbook Signature Page

Please sign below to indicate that you have read and understood the handbook.

Student Name (please print) _____

Student Signature _____

School _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name (please print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian Email _____

Please return this page to your teacher during your next orchestra class.

**KERRVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARENTAL PERMISSION AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM**

I hereby certify that my child has my permission to participate in any field trip of the KISD Orchestra Program during the 2017-2018 school year.

To the best of my knowledge, my child is physically fit to engage in such activity and is not suffering from any disease or injury.

I further agree that if emergency treatment is required, the school authorities may use their own judgment in sending the child to the doctor or the hospital. This form is also consent to a physician to administer proper medical attention as deemed necessary by said physician.

It is understood that no child will be allowed to participate in this activity until his/her parent or guardian signs this form.

I agree and do hereby waive and release all claims against the Kerrville Independent School District, and any teacher, employee, or other person engaged in this activity in question and agree to hold them harmless from any and all liability relating to my child for any personal injury or illness that may be suffered or any loss of property that might occur to my child.

Name of Student _____

Contact in case of emergency _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Cellular phone _____

Insurance company and policy # _____

Is student on medication? Y or N If yes, please list _____

Allergies _____

Acute or chronic medical conditions _____

Printed name of parent or guardian

Signature of parent or guardian

Date