

Orchestra Classroom Handbook

Welcome to Orchestra!

Welcome Orch Dorks! This handbook is your quick guide to how we do things in our music room so everyone can learn, play, and have fun together.

Entering the Room:

- Enter quietly and calmly.
- If you are bringing your instrument from home, go directly to your seats. If you are using a school instrument, retrieve the instrument from storage and IMMEDIATELY go to your seats.
- Rosin is on a magnet attached to each music stand. Cello rock stops are already at seats. Therefore, there is no reason for you to be out of your seat. :)
- Take out your pencil and music folder.

Starting Class:

- Check the board for announcements or warm-up instructions.
- Have your instrument, music, and pencil ready before the bell.
- Once Miss Miller is on the podium, class has started. During this time, no conversations or playing should happen and students should be sitting quietly, ready to tune as a group.

Assembling Your Instrument:

- Handle your instrument with two hands at all times.
- Violins and Violas should never be propped up in a chair. Always rest on seat of chair
- Cellos and Basses are always set down on the floor on the RIBS of the instrument. Endpins are always pulled IN.
- Assemble your instrument at your seat or designated setup area.
- Violinists and violists should store their case neatly under or behind their chair.
- If you have a peg, fine tuner, or bridge problem, raise your hand and wait for Miss Miller to assist you.
- Apply rosin before rehearsal begins.

Classroom Etiquette and Behavior:

- Respect the music, your classmates, and all instruments.
- Remain silent while the conductor or another student is speaking or playing.


- Raise your hand to ask questions.
- Keep hands, feet, and bows to yourself.
- Maintain a positive attitude and use respectful language.
- No cell phones, food, or gum during class.
- Clean up your area before leaving.

Instrument Rentals and Payments:

- School instrument rentals are paid by check/cash (labeled with your name and “Orchestra”).
- Instruments should be rented through school or vendors approved by Miss Miller. If this presents difficulty for your family, contact Miss Miller before seeking other resources.
- Replacement strings, rosin, and other supplies may be purchased through the orchestra director or approved vendors.
- Notify the teacher before class if an item needs replacement.
- All rental instruments must be handled responsibly; damages or lost items must be repaired or replaced.

Orchestra Culture:

- The orchestra functions as a team—each member contributes to our success.
- Come to rehearsal prepared and ready to participate.
- Miss Miller LOVES mistakes. They are the very best way to learn and grow. Don’t sweat it and play with confidence and focus.
- Support your peers and celebrate progress.
- Represent the orchestra and the school with pride at every concert and event.

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ORCHESTRA CLASS RULES

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MAKE SMART CHOICES

USE EQUIPMENT AND
INSTRUMENTS PROPERLY

SHOW RESPECT TO
OTHERS AND YOUR
TEACHER

INVOLVE YOURSELF IN
CLASS AND BE PART OF
THE ORCHESTRA TEAM

CREATE BEAUTIFUL
MUSIC!

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR CLASS?

Did you bring your...

