

FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

GRADES 9-12

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Welcome to the Falcon String Orchestra for 2009-2010! Here is the important info for students and parents involved in orchestra this year.

Practice

Students are expected to maintain regular practice and performance time in class and at home. Parents are encouraged to help students set aside time for practice, as well as have an appropriate place to practice.

Instruments

Students are expected to have an instrument of good quality and in good playing condition. It is the student's responsibility to maintain the instrument and address all repair issues quickly.

If a student uses a school-owned instrument, a maintenance fee will be charged per semester as follows: violin-\$10, viola-\$15, cello-\$25, bass-\$30. Any repairs done by the director will be reimbursed for materials only.

Fee

All students participating in orchestra are charged a \$20 fee. All fees are to be paid no later than September 7th.

Attire

Appropriate clothing is required for all performances. For more casual performances, students are expected to wear either their orchestra t-shirt or polo shirt as determined by the director. For all other major concerts, students are expected to wear "concert black". "Concert Black" is classified as a tuxedo for men and a nice, simple black dress for ladies. (Dresses need to be as close to FCS dress code as possible.) Black shoes are required.

Fundraisers

Just like every other extra-curricular program in public school, fundraiser programs are necessary for the healthy operation of the orchestra. Normally, the only sales fundraiser takes place in the fall. Students are required to participate in at least one fund raising event during the school year. Participation in all events is strongly encouraged in order to help defray the costs of operating our orchestra.

Orchestra Parent Organization

The orchestra parent organization meets the first Sunday afternoon of each month in room 308 of FMS/FFC, unless otherwise specified. Parents are not REQUIRED to participate, but it is strongly encouraged for all orchestra parents to get involved in promoting the orchestra and

Grading

Class Participation: All students will begin each week with a participation grade of 100 points. Failure to follow the expectations listed below will result in a loss of 10 points per infraction for the week.

- Attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory. By state law you are required to come to school. If you are absent, you are required to bring an excuse, **or** note from your parent stating they witnessed you practicing a minimum of 30 minutes per absence, **or** a recording of you practicing 30 minutes per absence when you return. Unexcused absences will not be credited for points.
- Tardiness WILL NOT be tolerated. If you are tardy to class, you will need to report to the attendance office to check in before coming to class. Unexcused/habitual tardiness will not be credited for points.
- Failure to be prepared for class. Students are expected to bring all materials necessary daily. The materials include your instrument, bow, rosin, should rest, rock stop, music, and a pencil.

Concert Critiques: Students are required to attend at least one concert per semester, other than our own. A one-page critique/reflection of the concert must be turned in, along with a program from the concert, within one week. Acceptable concerts include, but not limited to, other concerts within the FCS system, UNA performing groups, community productions. Marching band performances do not count. These are worth 100 points.

Playing Tests: There will be a minimum of one playing test per grading period. Tests will either be done live, or recorded. You will need access to some kind of recording device (digital recorders, CD, cassette, video, flash drives, mp3 players, etc.) Recordings may be turned in early, but no late recordings will be accepted. These playing tests are worth 100 points each.

Concerts: Concert attendance is mandatory. Only emergent, extenuating circumstances will excuse concert attendance. It is the responsibility of the student to bring the necessary excuse and schedule make up work within 3 days of the absence. Failure to be prepared for the concert (tardiness, improper dress, incomplete materials) will result in a reduction of points earned at the discretion of the director. Concerts are worth 100 points. End of semester concerts will count as your semester exam.

Visit: <http://www.florenceorchestra.com> for downloads of all documents and calendars, etc.

Syllabus Acceptance Form

(to be returned to the instructor)

We, the parents/guardians of, _____, have read and understand completely the above course syllabus and agree to help our child adhere to the expectations set forth therein.

Print Name: _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____

I have read and understand completely the above course syllabus and agree to adhere to the expectations set forth therein.

Student Name: _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Please list email address(es) and phone number(s) for parent and student.

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