

## Course Descriptions & Prerequisites

### WCSD Common Course: 622 Beginning Orchestra

- **Prerequisite:** None
- **Course Fee:** \$75 (includes orchestra uniform T-shirt, music, school instrument rental, subtract \$50 if instrument is student-owned.)
- **Duration:** Year-long
- **Required Materials & Equipment:** Instrument including case, bow, tuner, rosin, cleaning cloth, shoulder rest (violin/viola only), endpin anchor (cello only), endpin plug (cello/bass), pencil
- **Textbook:** provided in increments as needed by Ms. Karl
- **Description:** Beginning Orchestra offers introductory level instruction on violin, viola, cello, and double bass. Students will explore the elements of music through performance and identifying relationships between music, other disciplines, and daily life. Emphasis will be placed on developing technique through musical community. Students will be required to perform in concerts during and/or after school wearing the ensemble's designated attire. For an annual rental fee, school instruments are available for students who qualify.

### WCSD Common Course: 625 Intermediate Orchestra

- **Prerequisite:** Beginning Orchestra or instructor approval, *7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders only*.
- **Course Fee:** \$100 (includes orchestra uniform polo shirt, music, school instrument rental, subtract \$50 if instrument is student-owned.)
- **Duration:** Year-long
- **Required Materials & Equipment:** Instrument including: case, bow, tuner, rosin, cleaning cloth, shoulder rest (violin/viola only), endpin anchor (cello only), endpin plug (cello/bass), pencil
- **Textbook:** *Sound Innovations for String Orchestra Book 1* by Bob Phillips, Peter Boonshaft, and Robert Sheldon
- **Description:** Intermediate Orchestra offers developing level instruction on violin, viola, cello, and double bass. Students will deepen their understanding of the elements of music through performance and identifying relationships between music, other disciplines, and daily life. Emphasis will be placed on increasing technique through musical community. Students will be required to perform in concerts during and/or after school wearing the ensemble's designated attire. For an annual rental fee, school instruments are available for students who qualify.

### WCSD Common Course: 626 Advanced Orchestra

- **Prerequisite:** Intermediate Orchestra or instructor approval, *8<sup>th</sup> graders only*.
- **Course Fee:** \$90 (includes orchestra uniform polo shirt, music, school instrument rental, subtract \$50 if instrument is student-owned.)
- **Duration:** Year-long
- **Required Materials & Equipment:** Instrument including: case, bow, tuner, rosin, cleaning cloth, shoulder rest (violin/viola only), endpin anchor (cello only), endpin plug (cello/bass), pencil
- **Textbook:** *Sound Innovations for String Orchestra Book 2* by Bob Phillips, Peter Boonshaft, and Robert Sheldon
- **Description:** Advanced Orchestra offers progressing level instruction on violin, viola, cello, and double bass in preparation for successful transition to high school orchestral ensembles. Students will solidify their understanding of the elements of music through performance and identifying relationships between music, other disciplines, and daily life. Emphasis will be placed on expanding technique through musical community. Students will be required to perform in concerts during and/or after school wearing the ensemble's designated attire. For an annual rental fee, school instruments are available for students who qualify.

**WCSD Common Course: 627 Eclectic Styles Orchestra - Middle School**

- **Prerequisites:** Concurrent participation in Intermediate Orchestra, Advanced Orchestra, or by instructor approval, *7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders only*.
- **Course Fee:** \$20
- **Duration:** Year-long
- **Required Materials & Equipment:** Instrument including: case, bow, tuner, rosin, cleaning cloth, shoulder rest (violin/viola only), endpin anchor (cello only), endpin plug (cello/bass), pencil
- **Textbook:** none
- **Description:** Eclectic Styles Orchestra is a year-long course for students simultaneously enrolled in Intermediate Orchestra or Advanced Orchestra. Students will augment and connect musical knowledge, understanding, and performances through music literature including (but not limited to) American Roots music, blues, classical, fiddle, jazz, rock and non-Western musical styles. Students will be required to perform in concerts during and/or after school wearing the ensemble's designated attire. For an annual rental fee, school instruments are available for students who qualify. Other instruments may join per instructor approval. The enrollment for this course is limited to ensure balanced instrumentation across the grades.

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