

LCHS Orchestra Program Expectations

Every member of our orchestra program is special, important, and critical to our success. We will treat everyone with respect and kindness every day. We will also show up with positive attitudes and be ready to work knowing that our individual attendance and effort is critical to the group's success.

Class starts promptly when the tardy bell has rung. Your instrument, sheet music, warm-up materials, pencil, and any other necessary items must be fully ready allowing you to start the rehearsal on time. We begin learning right away!

Music learning happens in the music classroom. Please minimize the time you spend outside the classroom during class.

Be careful and respectful of all the equipment around you in the room. Many dollars have been spent to make this program successful and it is expected that you will treat all equipment with care.

All instruments and equipment must be properly put away for safekeeping at the end of **every** rehearsal and event. Please plan on staying after the conclusion of our concerts to make sure all equipment is stored appropriately in the orchestra classroom.

Practice rooms are only to be used with instructor permission.

All school codes of conduct, music program expectations, and government laws apply to any concerts/events/trips. Failure to meet expectations may result in removal from the activity and the student being transported home at the parent/guardians expense.

An instrumental music program takes a great deal of community and member support. We all raise funds together, which strengthens our musical and community bonds. Please plan to join in on as many fun(d) raisers as you can, and get your family involved!

Each member of the program is expected to maintain a music folder with every piece of music we play in it. All music will be collected at the end of the year. Perpetual folders will be passed out at the beginning of the school year and collected at the end of the school year.

LCHS Orchestra Grading Policy

A student's percentage and letter grade will be determined based on a point system. Each student will earn their grade by earning points within the following approximate weighted categories.

- **Rehearsal Techniques** **50%**
- **Performances** **35%**
- **Skill-based Assessments/Improvements** **15%**

Rehearsal Techniques - 5 points per day

Students may earn the full 25 points by being in their seat, prepared, with all materials on time, and fully engaged with the day's lesson.

Performances - 100 points per event

Our concerts are our summative assessments of 2-3 months' worth of classroom work. Each concert/festival is worth a total of 100 points. Concerts will be graded based on students' ability to execute and demonstrate their learning of the unit concepts. Punctuality, preparedness, and proper attire are also components of the concert grade. Concert uniforms are required. Uniform requirements for our 2021-2022 school year will either be:

- Matching LC Orchestra T-shirt and jeans
- All-Black Professional Concert Attire
 - Black collared button-up long-sleeved shirt/Black slacks
 - Black blouse/Black slacks/Black skirt/Black dress
 - Black footwear
- Concert attire will be available for purchase or school check-out for students who do not already own professional concert attire.

Skill-based Assessments/Improvements - Points vary

Individual musical skill improvement will be measured through short playing tests of current class material, written assessments, or computer-based assessments.

Absences

Please plan to attend all rehearsals and performances. Compare our orchestra calendar with your own personal and family calendars so any conflicts can be planned for ahead of time.

For all absences, please see Mrs. Kellogg to arrange make-up work for any points missed.

Spokane Public Schools District-Wide Grading Scale

Percentage	Letter Grade	Grade Point
93-100	A	4.0
90-92	A-	3.7
87-89	B+	3.3
83-86	B	3.0
80-82	B-	2.7
77-79	C+	2.3
73-76	C	2.0
70-72	C-	1.7
67-69	D+	1.3
60-66	D	1.0
Below 60	F	0

