

# Frederick Douglass High School Orchestras 2021-2022

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## **II. Mission Statement:**

By participating in the FDHS Orchestra program, all students will be prepared to be lifetime musicians in the roles as audience members, performers and advocates. Students will be prepared to audition for scholarships and collegiate level orchestras and/or participate in community ensembles.

## **III. Orchestra Code of Conduct:**

### a. Classroom Rules and Expectations:

- i.** Be in the room on time.
- ii.** Be seated with all materials (instrument, music, pencil).
- iii.** Remain quiet during tuning.
- iv.** Participate in all class activities.
- v.** Respect yourself, others and the instruments.
- vi.** Mark corrections in your music and follow your part while other sections rehearse.
- vii.** No gum, food, or drinks are allowed in the orchestra room.
- viii.** Fingernails should be kept the appropriate length for playing your instrument. To determine if a student's fingernails are too long, do the following: With a straight finger, firmly press the fingertip down on to the top of a table so that the finger is perpendicular to the table. If the fingertip can firmly press to the table without getting in the way, the nail is short enough. If the nail gets in the way, it is too long to play a stringed instrument properly. This will negatively affect your daily grade and could cause injuries to your fingers.

### b. Practice Room Usage:

- i.** Students must have permission from the Director before utilizing a practice room.
- ii.** Only one student in the practice room at a time, unless you have permission from the Director.
- iii.** No gum, food, or drinks in the practice room.
- iv.** The practice room light must remain on at all times while the practice room is in use.

#### **IV. Grading Policy:**

##### **Formative Assessment – 35%**

- a. Daily Rehearsal Skills
  - i. This includes having instrument, music, pencils, paperwork, being musically prepared, having correct nail length and staying on task.
- b. Playing Assessments
- c. Music Theory and Rhythms

##### **Summative Assessment – 50%**

- a. Participating in all concerts and performances.
  - i. Arriving to the performance at the stated call time.
  - ii. Wearing the proper attire required for that performance.
  - iii. Being prepared with music, instrument, etc.
- b. Concert Evaluation: Students are required to attend one (1) outside concert and write a concert critique **OR** students may participate in Solo and Ensemble, CKYO, Mentoring, the North Star Orchestra (aka Fiddle Club), take private lessons, audition for All-State Orchestra, or participate in optional performances announced throughout the year.

##### **Final – 15%**

#### **V. Attendance:**

- a. Make up Policy:

Students are responsible to ask the teacher what material was covered during the absence, what material needs to be turned in, and the amount of time allowed.
- b. Excused Concert Absences:
  - i. Death in the family
  - ii. Medical Emergency or Illness
  - iii. Religious Holiday
  - iv. In the event of a High School sponsored athletic event, the director will contact the athletic director/coach to make arrangements.
- c. Extra Rehearsals and Sectionals:
  - i. All absences from extra rehearsals and sectionals must be communicated to the director at least one week in advance.

#### **VI. Concert Attire:**

- a. Students must purchase concert attire. Concert attire will be used every year, but only needs to be purchased once.
- b. Girls: \$55 Concert Dress
- c. Boys: \$55 Tux Pants, Tux Shirt, Bow Tie and Cummerbund. Boys will be provided a Tux Jacket as a rental for the year (included in cost).
- d. All students must also wear black dress shoes. Boys must wear black dress socks; girls can wear black or nude leggings.

## **VII. Instruments and Supplies:**

- a. Instruments: Students rent or buy their instruments. Cellos and basses are available at school for students' use allowing cello and bass students to leave rented or owned instruments at home for practice. A few school-owned instruments are available as needed. Students that are renting a school-owned instrument will need to pay a yearly rental fee of \$25. Violin and viola players will need to purchase a quality shoulder rest.
- b. Supplies: There is a \$25 for all orchestra students. This fee will provide the students with their instruction book, sheet music, and supplies for the classroom such as emergency rosin and strings.
- c. Repairs: Students are responsible for maintaining their instrument. Students renting a school owned instrument should notify the director immediately if a repair is needed. If the instrument was damaged due to negligence, the student will be responsible for the cost of the repair. Minor repairs (i.e. new strings, fallen bridge, etc.) can be fixed by the director. Major repairs must be taken to a local music store.

## **VIII. Concert Dates:**

October 14th	Fall Area Concert	7:00pm Performance
November 11th	Solo & Ensemble Performance*	6:30pm, report 5:30pm
December 9th	Winter Concert	6:30pm, report 5:30pm
February 3rd	KMEA Performance**	TBA; Louisville ICC
March 8th	Pre-Assessment Concert	6:30pm, report 5:30pm
March TBA	KMEA Assessment	Time, Location TBA
May 13th	Finale Concert	6:30pm, report 5:30pm

\*Only required for students participating in Solo & Ensemble.

\*\*Symphonic and Chamber Orchestras Only.

## **IX. Other Important Dates:**

October 15th	Chili & Arts Night	Cafe, TBA
November 6th	All-State Auditions	Recording @ FDHS
November 20th	Solo & Ensemble Festival	Time, Location TBA
February 2nd-5th	All-State Orchestra	Galt House, Louisville

Frederick Douglass High School Orchestra  
Participation Contract 2021-2022

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

***Agreement:***

As a member of the FDHS Orchestra, I agree to abide by all of the rules as stated in the orchestra handbook and have marked the performance dates on my calendar.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent, I have read and discussed the rules and policies as stated in the orchestra handbook and have marked the performance dates on our calendar.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**With this form, please submit the following (check all that apply:)**

\_\_\_ \$25 Classroom Fee (required for all students)

\_\_\_ \$25 Instrument Rental Fee (only for students who do not have a personal instrument or rent from a music store)

\_\_\_ \$55 Concert Attire purchase (only for students who do not already own a concert dress/tuxedo)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount paid (circle one):            Check            Cash

Make checks out to FDHS Orchestra. Please contact the director if you have any questions or concerns about the above fees.