

## ORCHESTRA CONSTITUTION

### Requirements:

Orchestra is a year long class and also requires time on the students part for practice, special sectionals, rehearsals, concerts, and other activities.

To join the orchestra you must have permission of the director. This is determined by previous enrollment in the strings program, or by an audition before the director.

Concert dress changes every few years, and each member is required to have the correct uniform. If there is any financial difficulties in obtaining the concert dress, help will be provided through the orchestra fund.

Students wishing to rent instruments for the year will be required to pay a reasonable fee for school owned instruments, depending on the district's policy.

Brass and winds in orchestra must also be members of the symphonic band. They are selected by invitation through joint consultations between the orchestra and band directors. Wind players are considered fully privileged members of the orchestra with all the encumbant responsibilities.

### Attendance:

Attendance in class follows the same guidelines as the school district's attendance policy. Daily class attendance is figured as part of the members grade. Attendance at all concerts is mandatory. Any member that needs to be excused must contact the director. He will make any decisions regarding the absence.

### Music:

Each student is responsible for all music issued to him, and will pay the cost of replacement (as determined by the director) if it is lost, mutilated or destroyed.

### Activity Funding:

In order to fund our activities, we must raise money. Every member is expected to help since all will enjoy the benefits. Members may be asked to meet a fund-raising quota in order to participate.

Officers:

At the end of each year, officers will be elected for the following year, with the exception of the freshman representative, who will be elected the fall of the year he/she is to serve. These officers will constitute the orchestra council.

- (1) The president shall be nominated from the floor, and an election will be held in which all the present members of the orchestra will vote in one nominee for the office of president. The president shall be a junior or senior the year he/she takes office. The main duties of the president are to organize fund-raisers, and assist the director with anything he/she is delegated. The president shall also make all decisions of the council known among the group.
- (2) The secretary will be appointed by the director and will take roll in class every morning. He/she shall also do any corresponding requested by the director or the president.
- (3) The treasurer shall be nominated from the floor, and an election will be held in which all present members of the orchestra will vote. The treasurer shall be a junior or senior the year he/she takes office. The treasurer's main duty is to keep an accurate account of the monies going in and out of the orchestra fund. He/she will also collect and receipt all monies collected during fund-raisers.
- (4) The representatives from each class will gather ideas, complaints, and other information from the members of their class and present them to the orchestra council. They will also assist in the leadership of the class.

If any of the above officers feel it necessary to hold an orchestra council meeting, they should contact their director.

Code of Conduct:

All special trips taken during school time will be considered excused absences, however, the student is responsible for any classwork missed during this time. All students are expected to conduct themselves during these times as the school rules dictate. We are considered representatives of the school and must conduct ourselves accordingly. If any of the rules set down are violated, the director may take any appropriate action, including immediate discharge from the orchestra.

Annual Award:

Suitable awards will be presented to the most valuable string and wind player at the end of each school year.