

# **Lexington Eastern Strings 2017-2018**



## **Handbook**

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## **Requirements**

Essential Elements 2000 for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings

Music provided by school for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings

Music and folder- supplied by school

Instrument and bow in working order

### **Pencil**

Rosin

Cleaning cloth

Shoulder rest or sponge - for violin and viola players

End pin strap - for cello and bass players (for home instrument)

## **Instrument Storage**

Each student will place his/her instrument and music on the shelf in the hallway outside the strings classroom door. All instruments **must** be stored in their proper place in a case or bag. Lower strings will be stored on an instrument rack. All violins and violas are expected to take their instruments home to practice. Cello and bass players may use school instruments to avoid transporting instruments back and forth from school to home. **All lower string players are expected to have an instrument at home to practice.**

## **Taking care of the facilities**

Students are expected to take care of the music room. The music stands will only be used for holding music and pencils. The legs of the stand should not be stepped on. The music stand should not be used as a table, chair or foot rest. No graffiti will be permitted on any of the furniture, instruments, or walls. All chairs will be used to sit on only. Shoes must be kept off the chair along with standing on them. Mr. Domka's conductor stand, desk, computer, chair, instrument, metronome, and baton are off limits. The TV, VCR, and DVD player is off limits. All band equipment such as drums are off limits to all orchestra students. Guidelines will be consistently enforced.

## **Guidelines for Evaluation**

Grades will be established through three criteria- Concert attendance (50%), and daily participation (50%).

### **Concerts**

Orchestra is a performance group. Students **are expected to attend all required performances**. Concerts and performances are equal to an exam and are worth 100 points. In case of an excused absence from a concert, the student may complete an alternative assignment to make up the lost points. In order for the absence to be considered excused, the student must be sick, have a death in the family, or have provided a written excuse at least 2 weeks prior to the performance. A missed performance will lower the grade by 1 letter grade.

### **Concert Apparel Requirements**

**Ladies:** This is a formal event! Nice dress pants or dress. Length of dress should come to the knee. Nice dress shoes. No jeans, T-shirts, tennis shoes, shorts, or flip-flops! Ladies performing on cello should wear pants or a floor length dress. Excessive jewelry should be avoided. Jewelry can vibrate against the instrument.

**Gentlemen:** This is a formal event! Nice dress pants and button down shirt. Shirt and tie is encouraged. Please do not wear jeans, T-shirts, shorts, tennis shoes, or flip-flops.

### **Participation**

Music is an art that involves discipline as well as social interaction. Every student plays a very important part in the entire orchestra. Students are expected to uphold their responsibility to the orchestra and the section by contributing 100% effort. Cooperation with the teacher and classmates is expected. Students must be prepared for each class by having his/her instrument, music, and a pencil available. Each student will receive 5 points per day for participation. No pencil is -1, no music -2, no music and pencil -3, and no instrument is -5. Students are expected to maintain proper performing posture during rehearsal. **Fingernails** must be trimmed so the tips of the finger can touch the fingerboard.

## **Classroom Behavior**

Students are expected to be in their seats with all class materials, instruments out ready to play three minutes after the official class time begins. Once class starts, **talking and playing** is not permitted during tuning and rehearsal. **Talking disrupts** the class, is **disrespectful** to the teacher, and **takes away the right** for others to learn in a proper classroom environment. The classroom should be a warm, friendly environment for learning where all students feel secure to ask questions, learn from mistakes, and grow musically as a team. Students are expected to stay in their seats during the whole class time and must ask permission to leave for any given reason. Students are expected to raise their hands to ask a question or add a comment to the material being studied in class. Playing or touching other instruments and property that belongs to someone else is prohibited. All **DRINKS, FOOD, GUM** are not permitted in the music room.

## **Discipline Plan**

The outline explained will be the guidelines on how each scenario will be handled if bad behavior should arise.

1. Student is given a friendly warning in confidentiality away from class.
2. Student is given second warning with parental phone call.
3. Student is given detention, parent conference, and principal notified.
4. Student is sent to principal's office.



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**Please return this page to Mr. Domka  
Worth 100 points**

I acknowledge that I understand the requirements for orchestra as listed in this handbook. The handbook is posted online on Mr. Domka's website. The link can be found on the Eastern Elementary webpage.

**Go to Eastern Webpage, Teacher Pages, Orchestra, Eastern.**

Hard copies will be given to students who do not have access to the internet at home. Please call Mr. Domka at 419-884-2020 Ext. 4060 to request a copy.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print Clearly

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

Parent/Guardian  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



## Lexington Elementary Strings Calendar 2017-2018

Event	Place	Date	Time
Winter Concert (5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> )	HS Auditorium	Tuesday Jan. 9	7:00 PM
Winter Concert (4 <sup>th</sup> )	HS Auditorium	Thursday Jan. 11	7:00 PM
*4-5 String Practice	HS Auditorium	Tuesday April 3	2:50-5:00 PM
*4-5 String Practice	HS Auditorium	Tuesday April 17	2:50-5:00 PM
Spring Concert (4, 5, 6)	HS Auditorium	Thursday April 19	7:00 PM

Students should arrive at 6:30 for all concerts.

\* Please note the **practice** is ONLY for grades 4 and 5! Students will be transported by bus from Central/Eastern to the High School. Parents will pick up their child at the High School at 5:00 PM. More information will be sent later in the school year.

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The concert dates have been checked and marked in my calendar at home. I understand by signing below that I am expected to attend all the mandatory events in order to receive full credit for orchestra class.

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Student Signature

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Student Print

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Parent Signature

Comments:



## **Lexington Orchestra Program**

### **Private String Teacher List**

Please consider private lessons for your son or daughter. The impact private lessons have on the growth of a student's musical experience is enormous. Lessons provide the ability to go into great depth on a "one to one" basis, and solve individual problems that every student has. Lessons are usually 30 minutes in length once a week.

#### **Violin**

#### **Phone**

Matt Domka	419-631-7902
Stephen Domka	419-512-3072
Becky Fields	419-883-2896 or 419-564-4307
Stephanie Hill	419-564-6057
Mary Kettering	419-289-2496
Jane Reed	419-281-3757

#### **Viola**

Matt Domka	419-631-7902
Stephen Domka	419-512-3072
Stephanie Hill	419-564-6057
Jane Reed	419-281-3757

#### **Cello**

Lindsay Brown	419-610-5986
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#### **Bass**

Becky Fields	419-883-2896 or 419-564-4307
Doug Wright	740-602-0455

Please contact me with any questions!

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