

**Lake Travis High School
Chamber Orchestra Course Syllabus
2017-2018**

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Course Description

The Lake Travis Chamber Orchestra is composed of students from ninth to twelfth grade who have had prior string experience. The course furthers students' knowledge on string instruments with emphasis on technique, music history, theory, and ensemble performing. Creativity and self-expression are nurtured. Attendance at all performances is required. This is an advanced class and students must audition to participate.

Mastery Outcomes-TEKS

Students enrolled in Lake Travis High School Symphony Orchestra will:
Define melody and harmony in an orchestra setting (C,1A)
Identify key signatures, musical terminology, and accidentals
Perform using various time signatures (C1,C)

Creative Expression

Demonstrate accurate intonation and rhythm (2,A)
Sightread music weekly (3,A)
Demonstrate fundamental skills of writing music (3,B)
Students develop techniques reflecting styles from various music periods (4A,B)

Historic/Cultural heritage

Distinguish certain time periods
Guest artist visit (5,A,B,C,D)

Response/evaluation

Students will exhibit concert etiquette as informed, actively involved listeners during various live performances

Grading Policy

Students will be evaluated formally using weekly playing tests. Students will be evaluated informally through observation of participation and effort in the classroom.

40% - playing performance, including attendance for scheduled performances

40% - sightreading, musicianship, playing tests

20% - Daily participation

Materials

All students are responsible for providing the following materials:

- Instrument
- Bow
- Rosin
- Extra set of strings

- Cloth
- Pencil
- Black Binder

Tutorial

Any student who wants or needs assistance may come in after school to get additional help. My office phone number is 533-6161.

Please go to www.laketravisorchestra.org for information about calendar dates, handbook and other important information.