RTMS Syllabus   School Year 2020-2021   Course: 7th Grade Advanced (Chamber) Orchestra

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Instructional Mode: Students will be using Microsoft Teams this year. TEAMS can be accessed through each student's Fulton County Office 365 account.

Textbook: Essential Elements for Strings Book 2 and Habits of a Successful String Musician
                Replacement Cost: Click to enter.

Course Description: The River Trail Chamber Orchestra is an audition only, year-long course. The music, instrument techniques, and ensemble performance skills students learn in Chamber Orchestra range from advanced middle school to high school level curriculum. Therefore, students are expected to perform at the high school level of focus and awareness towards musical precision, intonation, technique, and expression both as an individual and as an ensemble group. It is essential (and strongly encouraged) that students ask for help either from Mr. Liu or their private lesson teacher. Finally, students must meet mastery performance standards, demonstrate proper classroom behavior, and attend the required rehearsals/performances to maintain their enrollment in the Chamber Orchestra classes during the current school year.

Course Practices: Click to enter text.

Course Tools/Materials: Instrument with bow and all four strings, rosin, cleaning cloth, and Rocktop (cello/bass) or Shoulder Rest (violin/viola)

Grade Determination:

    Summatives: 100%
        Summatives may include such assignments as: written assessments, video performance assessments
    Formatives: 0%
        Formatives may include such assignments as: online chat responses, video performances, written responses

Grading Scale:

Grades are based on the student's mastery of standards. A student's final course grade for the marking period is equal to the average of the grades completed. A student must complete 80% of graded assignments to earn a numerical grade in their course, otherwise the student earns an Incomplete. End of Semester grading will reflect the following:

        A = 90 and above

        B = 80-89

        C = 70-79

        F = 69 and below OR an Incomplete not resolved by the end of the school year or summer.

        I = Incomplete (Less than 80% of summative assignments were completed.)

Academic Honesty:

The expectation is that each student will be honest and submit his/her own work. Cheating, plagiarism, and other Honor Code violations are strictly prohibited. Examples of violations include, but are not limited to: copying or "borrowing" from another source and submitting it as one's own work, seeking or accepting unauthorized assistance on

tests, projects, or other assignments, fabricating data and resources, providing or receiving test questions in advance without permission, or working collaboratively with other students when individual work is expected. The Honor Code (Academic Honesty policy) is in the Fulton County *Student Code of Conduct & Discipline Handbook* on page 15 (Rule 9) and in RTMS Student Agenda. If a student is caught cheating at RTMS, he/she will be subject to a tiered system of consequences listed in the RTMS Student Agenda.

Make Up Work:

A student is permitted and encouraged to make up work missed because of absences**. It is the student's sole responsibility to contact the teacher(s) to initiate all make-up work.** The contact must be made within one school day of returning. If a teacher is not available, the student needs to inform the principal or designee of the desire to make up the missed work. The teacher will establish a reasonable schedule within which the make-up work will occur.

Office Hours/Help Sessions:

Help sessions will be held during Teacher Office Hours while in URL.

Recovery Process:

A student will be allowed to redo, resubmit, or retake the summative assignment. Students may have three (3) opportunities to demonstrate their mastery of the learning targets beyond the original due date set by the teacher. Students will receive the score earned on the retake attempt.

Acknowledgement:

Please click the link to complete the form to acknowledge that you and your student have read through and understand the syllabus for this course: bit.ly/2020RTMSOrchSyllabus

Notes:

(1) You may be prompted to sign into Office 365 to complete the form. If you do not have Office 365, you may use your student's Fulton County account. [Username: student number – Password: Birthday (mmddyyyy)]
(2) Syllabus subject to change.