

WELCOME TO



ORCHESTRA

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Curriculum Night

rtmsorchestra.com/2022curriculumNight

- *PowerPoint*
- *Local Stores*
- *Georgia Performance Standards*

6th Grade Orchestra

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About

- Yearlong class (August to May)
- 2 - 6th Grade classes, both randomly split
- Both Classes Combine for Winter and Spring Concerts
Performance Evaluation depends on Class Size

Curriculum

- Focus on large group performances, listening, and critique
- New skills are introduced and refined along the way, especially in context within large group performances



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Mr. Liu's Philosophy

- ❖ Develop the mastery of performance skills and techniques on the string instrument,
- ❖ Develop effective ensemble performance skills,
- ❖ Foster a learning environment of support and respect among students of different musical backgrounds, levels, and musical preference,
- ❖ Cultivate the enjoyment of music performance and develop students into lifelong music performers and supporters.

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GRADING



What is graded?

Content Knowledge and Concept Mastery
(written stuff)

Performance and Skills-Based Mastery
(playing stuff)

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Written Assignments

- Most often are Homework or Minor Grades
- Written Assignment info found in Microsoft OneNote
- Late - Written Work accepted,
however Infinite Campus grade update will take time

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Performance Assessments

- Homework Performance Grades:
 - may be announced or unannounced
 - graded either individually or group
- All Major and most Minor Performance assessments are announced in advance
- Students will know in advance specific categories their performance will be assessed
- Minor Assessments: shorter length, fewer categories
- Major Assessments: longer length, more categories
- 1st Semester 6th Grade, practice assessments
- Mr. Liu has pushed back Major Assessment dates if he feels much of the class is not ready
- All Concert Performances are counted as Major Grades

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PERFORMANCES

Concerts

- Concert Performances are Mandatory
- Count as a Major Grade
- No afterschool rehearsals required for concert performance preparation
- Very difficult to do Concert Makeups

2022-2023 Concert Dates

- ❖ **Winter Concert**, December 13, 2022 at RTMS (7:00PM)
- ❖ **Performance Evaluation**, March 21-22, 2023 (date/time TBA)
- ❖ **Spring Concert**, May 16, 2023 at RTMS (6:15PM)

**All-State, 6th Grade RAT Pack (Jamboree), and Solo and Ensemble are optional events*



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CONCERT UNIFORM



- ✓ Black Dress Pants
- ✓ Black Dress Shoes
- ✓ Black Dress Socks
- ✓ White Dress Shirt

Additional for boys

- ✓ Black Dress Belt
- ✓ Black or very dark neck tie

*Do not wait too late to get black dress pants as they become hard to find getting closer to performance dates

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OTHER



Violin and Viola

Shoulder Rests

- *If you play $\frac{3}{4}$ size violin or 13-inch viola, purchase a shoulder rest that fits $\frac{3}{4}$ to full size (4/4)*
- *Our 5 Viola Players needing 14 inch instruments*

Cello and Bass Rental

*Email to pick up school cello and bass coming soon
(post Labor day)*

RTMS Advance Orchestra

- *Open to 7th and 8th Grade students only*
- *6th Grade can audition in March/April for 7th Grade*
- *Students must be enrolled in orchestra to audition*

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FINAL



Email liu@fultonschools.org

Digital Orchestra Class

Microsoft OneNote

Orchestra Website

www.rtmsorchestra.com

1. List of local area music stores
2. 2022-2023 Orchestra Calendar
3. Forms and Handouts (non-assignment)