

# 🎵 PLAZA VISTA SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA 🎵

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## 🎵 Grading

Participation	50% (Including Concert Attendance and Concert Dress)
Practice Record	20%
Tests	15%
Homework	15%

## 🎵 Participation

Participation points make up the majority of your grade. Being properly prepared for rehearsal includes not only having the part learned, but also having your instrument, music book, sheet music, pencil ready in rehearsal. In addition, a positive and respectful attitude along with effort affects participation. Be alert, attentive, enthusiastic, and ready to participate!  
Concert attendance and behavior is also a big part of your participation grade.

## 🎵 Practice Record

A practice record is documentation of individual practice. A student should practice a minimum of 90 minutes a week, but is encouraged to practice more. Each week should be signed by the student's parent/guardian. This is a very important part of a musician's development.

## 🎵 Tests

Playing AND written tests will be administered throughout the school year. Students will be graded on mastery of intonation, rhythmic stability, tempo stability, and musicality (interpretation, dynamics, etc.). The purpose of the playing tests is to monitor individual progress. If tests are missed, you are responsible for arranging with me a makeup test within 3 school days of your return.

## 🎵 Homework

Homework includes listening logs, which is a documentation of classical music. A student should listen to a minimum of 45 minutes a week of classical music, and should write down what he or she has listened to and the length of each individual piece. Each week should be signed by the student's parent/guardian.

There will be occasional homework assignments given out in class as well as the occasional internet listening assignment

### 🎵 Required Materials

- Essential Technique (for strings)
- A music binder (non-floppy)
- A music pencil (no pens!)
- Metronome

### 🎵 Suggested Materials

- Chromatic Tuner
- Music stand for at home use
- Mute

### **LATE WORK**

All work is expected to be done in completion and on time. If, however, any work comes in late, 20% will automatically be deducted from that assignment's grade for every day it is late. After 3 days, no late work is accepted

### **ACADEMIC DISHONESTY**

Academic dishonesty of any kind will not be tolerated. In accordance to school procedures, a student will receive negative points as well as detention for any act of academic dishonesty. As an additional deterrent, the student will lose their ranked seating and be moved to last chair of their section.

## **CONCERT PROCEDURES**

Concerts are **PART OF YOUR GRADE**, and attendance is mandatory. All musicians are expected to arrive 30 minutes before a concert in concert dress with their instrument and music.

### **CONCERT DRESS:**

Gentlemen are to be dressed in black dress pants, white dress shirt, black socks and shoes, and tie.

Ladies are to be in dressy black with black socks/stockings and black shoes. Skirts and dresses are to be knee length or longer. If students do not make accommodations beforehand (at least two weeks prior), if a concert is missed, the student's grade is automatically lowered 10%. A makeup performance opportunity will be provided for any student who has an excused concert absence (major illness, family emergency, etc.).

### **CONCERT DRESS IS PART OF YOUR PARTICIPATION GRADE**

### **CONCERT DATES:**

- September 20th (informal and during class time)
- December - TBA
- March – TBA
- March 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> – Festival at University High School (field trip)
- June - TBA

**I understand and accept the syllabus, which I have carefully read.**

*Please detach and return*

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Student Name (printed)

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Student Name (signed)

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Date

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Parent/Guardian Name (printed)

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Parent/Guardian Name (signed)

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Date

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**Any Questions? Feel free to ask:**

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