



# VISTA VERDE SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA



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## Grading

Participation	60% (Including Concert Attendance and Concert Dress)
Practice Record	20%
Tests	10%
Homework	10%

## 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!

## 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

Listening logs are a part of homework. A listening log is a documentation of classical music. A student should listen to a minimum of 30 minutes a week of classical music, and should write down what he or she has listened to and the length of each individual piece. There will also be occasional homework assignments given out in class, as well as internet listening assignments.

### ♪ 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**

I expect for your work 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

### **CONTACT**

Please contact me with any questions via email at [nmaruko@iusd.org](mailto:nmaruko@iusd.org). Also, use my website [www.missmaruko.com](http://www.missmaruko.com) for reference. Email is preferred, since I am at more than one school and teach 5 grade levels. Please maintain your friendly and courteous demeanor ☺

### **CONCERT PROCEDURES**

**Concert attendance, behavior, and dress are part of your participation grade.**

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, dress shoes, and any color tie.

Ladies are to be in dressy black with black dress 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%.

#### **CONCERT DATES:**

All concerts are held in the multipurpose room at Vista Verde.

September 20<sup>th</sup> - During 7<sup>th</sup> period in the MPR

December 14<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. in the MPR

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 7:00 p.m. in the MPR

\* March 24<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> – FESTIVAL at University High School (field trip)

June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 7:30 p.m. in the MPR

\* June 13<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m. – (6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders only, graduation at the Marriott)

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

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