

# Vista Verde Concert Orchestra

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## Grading

Participation	40%
Concert	20%
Practice Record	20%
Tests	10%
Homework	10%

## Participation

Participation points make up the majority of your grade. Being properly prepared for class includes not only having your part learned, but also having your instrument, music book, sheet music, and pencil ready by the time rehearsal begins. Materials are available in class and should be ready for use by the time rehearsing begins. Attitude and effort also affect participation.

## Practice Record

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. Both the amount of practice and each parent signature are worth points. Practicing reinforces both cognitive development and muscle memory, and is therefore plays an integral role in the musical process.

## Tests

Playing AND written tests will be administered throughout the school year. Students will be graded on pitch, rhythm, tempo, and musicality (interpretation, dynamics, etc.). The purpose of the playing tests is to monitor 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 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. Each week should be signed by the student's parent/guardian. There may be occasional homework assignments given out in class.

## ♪ MATERIALS ♪

Below you will find two lists for the upcoming school year. The school will provide items found on the first list. These items will be shared supplies for all students in the classroom.

### List One Option:

You have the option of sending any or all of these items with your child should you prefer him/her to have a set of personal supplies. Having personal supplies are optional.

- Music Binder (non floppy)
- Pencil

### List Two Option (wish list):

Items found on this list are optional supplies that will help support classroom learning, student organization, and maximize learning time, but are not essential to the schooling process. These are optional.

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

## LATE WORK

Work is 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

Concerts are 20% 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. Your grade is earned through participation, concert dress, and behavior.

### CONCERT DRESS:

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

Ladies are to be in dressy black and 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 20%. A makeup performance opportunity will be provided for any student who has an excused concert absence (major illness, family emergency, etc.).

### 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 13<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. in the MPR

March 6<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 p.m. in the MPR

June 12<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 p.m. in the MPR (time is subject to change)

**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

Check here  if you do not want a picture or first name of your child to appear on the music website.

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

(or you may email me at [nmaruko@iusd.org](mailto:nmaruko@iusd.org) for a faster reply):

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