

# FCLC Orchestra Department Handbook 2019-2020

This orchestra is meant to introduce you to varied repertoire spanning many different time periods, styles, and difficulty levels. In this handbook, you will find the expectations for the ensemble, including how students will be graded, what events they are required to attend, and how they are to behave in class and at events.

## Expectations

- Students will attend class daily
- Students will bring their instrument and music to class every day
- Students will be respectful to the instructor when in rehearsals and during performances; when the conductor is giving directions, students are quiet and listening. When the instructor is ready to conduct, students are ready to play
- Students will be respectful to their peers in rehearsals and performances
- Students will adhere to all behavior guidelines of Firestone High School
- Students will practice their music outside of rehearsals
- Students will use good performance practice when in rehearsals and during performances

## Rental Information

**Below is a list of trusted rental shops and dealers in Ohio. Please ask if you have questions about this process or about purchasing your own instrument.**

Cleveland Violins 2917 Mayfield Rd Cleveland Heights, OH 44118 216-932-9310

<http://www.clevelandviolins.com/>

Stearns Violins, Inc. 465 West Maple Street, Hartville, OH 44632 330-877-8584

<http://www.stearnsviolins.com/>

Martin's Violin Shop 803 North Main St North Canton, OH 44720 330-499-3116

<http://www.martinsviolinshop.com/>

Woodsy's Music Kent 1-800-468-1525 Medina 1-866-545-8575 <http://www.woodsyst.com>

Larry's Music Center 302 E. Liberty St. Wooster, OH 44691 1-880-Larrys5 <http://www.Larrysmusiccenter.com>

Studio Strings 118 Main St. Wadsworth, OH 44281 330-336-1644 <http://www.studiostringsonline.com>

Taylor Band & Orchestra 2526 Wedgewood Dr Akron, OH 44312 330-733-4131 <http://www.taylorband.com/>

Baroque Violin Shop 1038 North Bend Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45224 1-866-846-5469 [www.baroqueviolinshop.com](http://www.baroqueviolinshop.com)

Shar Music Ann Arbor, MI 1-800-248-7427 [www.sharmusic.com](http://www.sharmusic.com)

## Grading Procedures

- Participation
  - 10 points per day
  - Any unexcused absence warrants a loss of participation points
  - Forgetting an instrument or music warrants a loss of participation points
- Playing Tests
  - Each grading period will include at least one playing test that entails the student playing an excerpt from a piece we are rehearsing
  - 20 points each
  - This will be graded based on accuracy of intonation, rhythm, tempo, and style
  - Other criteria may be added at the instructor's discretion (musicality, tone, etc.)
- Concert and event attendance
  - Each student is required to attend the concerts and events listed in the handbook calendar, each being worth 150 points
  - Unless you have a doctor's note, failure to attend a concert will result in a 0

## Concert Dress

### To be provided by the student and their families

- The uniform for each concert and event will be concert black
  - Men: Black button-down shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black dress shoes—no jeans, no combat boots
  - Women: Black dress or skirt of at or below knee length, black dress blouse with short sleeves or longer—no sleeveless shirts—black dress pants, black stockings, black dress shoes—no jeans, no combat boots
  - No bulky or brightly colored jewelry

## Concerts and Events

**All events are held at FHS unless otherwise specified**

Fall Concert—October 17, 2019, 7:30, call time 6:45

Akron Holiday Tree Festival—November 27, 2019, call time 3:45 \*Chamber Ensemble only\*

Winter Concert—December 12, 2019 7:30, call time 6:45

Solo and Ensemble—January 25, 2020, all day\*

High School Strings in a Round—February 20, 2020, 7:00, call time 5:30, North HS

- Buses are provided for this event and will arrive at 6

OMEA State Orchestra—February 21-22, 2020, time and location TBA

University of Akron Orchestra Clinic—February 26, 2020, all day, EJ Thomas Hall

Musical *A Chorus Line*—April 3-5 and 9-11, 2020, times TBA

Kent State University Collaboration Clinic and Concert—April 4, all day, KSU Center for Performing Arts

Spring Concert—May 7, 2020, 7:30, call time 6:45

Each student is required to attend these concerts and events

Events may be added as the year goes on; sufficient notice will be given

\*participation from students will vary, but student volunteers will be asked to assist

## Parent/Student Contract and Contact Form

The purpose of this handbook is to make you, the students and parents, aware of how I will be holding each student accountable in my class. Students will learn how to honor their commitments, exceed expectations, and develop a strong work ethic. As parents, modeling these attributes at home is imperative for the success of your student. As a means to stay in communication with you, please fill out the contact information below. By signing this, you agree that you have marked all dates on your family calendars and are prepared to adhere to all the orchestra guidelines. This sheet is to be signed and returned to Ms. Albright by **September 9, 2019.**

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Student Name (print)	Cell Phone	Active e-mail address
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Parent/Guardian Name	Relationship
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Daytime Phone #	Evening Phone #	Active e-mail address
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I have reviewed this handbook and understand the basic expectations and assessments of the FHS Orchestra Department. I understand all individual orchestra requirements and agree to abide by all rules and policies included in this packet. I agree to honor all performance dates listed on the required events calendar and will acquire proper attire prior to the first event.

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Student Signature	Date
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I have reviewed this handbook and understand the basic expectations and assessments of the FHS Orchestra Department. I understand all individual orchestra requirements and agree to help my student honor all requirements and policies included in this packet. I agree to facilitate transportation for all performance dates listed on the required events calendar and will assist my student in acquiring proper attire prior to the first event.

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Parent Signature	Date
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