



Strings Course Syllabus 2019-2020

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Google Classroom Code (make sure to join the correct class period)

3rd period use -- o2gawvp

4th period use -- kdk3kuw

Welcome new and returning strings students to the 2019-2020 school year at Allegro Charter School! The strings course is offered to students ranging from grades 7 to 12. Our goals this year will consist of studying a broad repertoire that ranges from baroque, classical, to modern contemporary music. In addition to learning instrumental skills we will also focus on sight-reading, music history and culture, while infusing academic skills from non-musical subjects. Because the ensemble includes a wide range of abilities, students will often work in pairs or small groups to meet the needs of individual learners. The string orchestra will be featured spring concert(s) this year. We will have a large orchestra that combines string classes and a variety of opportunities for smaller groups to perform. Students are highly encouraged to participate in such performances and preceding dress rehearsals.

Required Materials for Strings Class

- Foam shoulder rest (viola/violin players)
- School laptop or iPad — CHARGED or *risk losing participation points*
- Pencil (no pens) and paper
- A composition notebook
- Assigned or personal instrument to play each day of class
- Sheet music
 - *If you lose your assigned music you must notify the teacher immediately*

**Personal instruments must have a label with name, home address and parent telephone number

Instrument loaner policy

- NOTE — There is no guarantee that a student will be assigned a loaner instrument, but every student IS guaranteed to have an instrument to use DURING class time.
- If available, students may elect to borrow a school instrument for the school year. To borrow a school instrument you must agree to these terms.
 - 1) You must have a parent or guardian complete and sign the instrument loaner policy form
 - 2) When you take an instrument home you must remember to bring it back to school for each day of class or you will receive a participation grade of zero for each occurrence
 - 3) If your instrument is damaged or lost you must inform your strings teacher via email or phone before the following class

Grading

- 15% **Participation**
 - (arrive on time, complete bellwork, follow instructions, stay on task)
- 20% **Written Work**
 - (classwork that is not completed in class becomes homework)
- 25% **Quiz/Small Project**
- 40% **Project/Test**

Classroom Expectations

- Respect your classmates, teacher, and the equipment
- Arrive on time your required electronic device, binder and pencils
- Written assignments must be turned in on time -- *read more details below*
- The only drink allowed in strings class is water in a sealable container
- No food
- Remain in your assigned seat or designated classroom area

Late assignment penalty

- -10 points for the first day
- -5 points for each additional day

- Late assignment cut off:
 - Assignments will receive an automatic grade zero if turned in more than six days late.
- *Exemptions* include:
 - IEP/504 accommodations
 - Excused absences: All assignments are still expected to be completed within 2 days upon returning from an excused absence.
 - Technology issue that is being addressed by Mr. Baum or Mr. Washington

Benchmarks

- In each ensemble and music course, students will be required to take a benchmark test two times throughout the year. Each ensemble will take the test on the same day. The purpose of the benchmark test is to assess a student's growth in music and to assist those who may be in need of help. If a student fails to show growth or fails to pass their benchmark tests, then their parents will be notified and the student will be required to attend tutoring in addition to attending regular meetings with the department head and administration. The first benchmark test will take place on November 21st and the second test will take place on April 2nd.

About Google Classroom

- The Google Classroom page is for announcements, assignments, and resources. **Parents** are asked NOT to post or comment publicly on the classroom page, but ARE encouraged to email the teacher directly for clarifying questions.

Parents

- Please check Mr. Harvey's website allegroharvey.weebly.com for a weekly overview of assignments and happenings in my class.
- Mr. Harvey will not text your phone, but he will communicate and respond via email at wharvey@allegrocharterschool.org within 24 hours.