

FAYETTEVILLE ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

2018-2019



In this binder, you will find our **Orchestra Handbook Info** and the **Calendar of Events** for this year. Please note that although your junior high student may not be performing in the Fall/Monster Mash 5 Concert, he/she will be included in the event and are required to attend. They are encouraged to wear a school appropriate costume, if they wish. (If your family does not participate in Halloween activities, just let us know.)

Please encourage your child to practice regularly. Daily practice is the fastest way to improve! It is best to set a **Regular** practice schedule/routine and to find a practice area to focus without distraction. Playing assessments, practice journals, and home performance assignments will be used to **grade practice**. Learning to read music and *Ear training* will also be part of the curriculum. Students are encouraged to “pick out tunes” on their instrument. There is only one rule, they must always use **perfect posture!**

8th grade students are highly encouraged to try-out for all region in October. All of our 8th grade students will be preparing the All-region audition materials to improve technique and some may have opportunities to play pieces with the high school throughout the year as well. We also have a few students at both junior highs in the 7th grade classes that have been playing for some time may wish to try-out for All-region.

We will need parent volunteers at All-Region try-outs & Clinics, and other events throughout the year. The *Clinics* are rehearsals and performances involving the three All-Region orchestras. This is a *very big deal and* highly competitive, *that is* sanctioned by the **Arkansas School Band and Orchestra Association**. To accomplish the numerous planned concerts, trips, and events for the year, we need **parents to be involved**. Your active support will be instrumental in our accomplishing these goals and will also help us do more for our wonderful orchestra students!

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JR. HIGH ORCHESTRA DATES:

AUGUST

16th	Instrument Night (FHS, RJH, WJH)	@ FHS Orchestra Room	5:00-7:30
23rd	Open House	@ RJH & WJH Orchestra Rm	Check Website

SEPTEMBER

4th & 11th	All Region Boot Camp (RJH/WJH) <i>opt.</i>	@ FHS Orchestra Room	5:00-6:00
20th	Parent Meeting (Orchestra)	@ FHS Orchestra Room	5:30-6:30
27th	Fall Orchestra Picnic (Orchestra) <i>opt.</i>	@ Veterans Memorial Park	5:00-6:30

OCTOBER

27th	All Region Auditions (FHS, WJH, RJH) <i>opt.</i>	@ Bentonville	All Day
30th	Monster Mash Concert (FHS) required attend	@ FHS Performing Arts Center	6:30

NOVEMBER

9th-10th	All Region Clinic (qualifiers) <i>opt.</i>	@ TBA	TBA
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DECEMBER

13th	Winter Concert (all Orchestras) required performance	@ FHS Performing Arts Center	
	7th grades = 6:30	8th grades = 7:00	FHS Orchestra = 7:30

JANUARY

24th	Mid Year Event (FHS, RJH, WJH) <i>opt.</i>	@ TBA	@ TBA
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FEBRUARY

21st	Instrument Night (Instrument Upgrade)	@ FHS Orchestra Room	5:30-7:00
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MARCH

(FHS Orchestra has Concert Assessment)

APRIL

TBA	Solo & Ensemble (FHS, WJH, RJH) <i>opt.</i>	@ FHS Black Box Theater	TBA
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MAY

2nd	Spring Concert (FHS Orchestra)	@ FHS Performing Arts Center	7:00
4th	Spring trip (RJH, WJH) <i>opt.</i>	TBA	tentative
9th	Spring Concert (WJH, RJH) required performance	@ FHS Performing Arts Center	7:00

Calendar Notes:

- Performances marked **required** are for a class grade. *Opt.* (or unmarked) = optional events.
- All times are PM unless noted.
- TBA times will be announced later in the school year.
- There may be some optional events added during the year.
- (FHS) High School Orchestras, (RJH) Ramay Orchestras, (WJH) Woodland Orchestras

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Orchestra Uniforms:

7th GRADE CONCERT DRESS (RJHS, WJHS):

Ladies & Gentlemen - All 7th grade orchestra students will wear their orchestra t-shirts, nice jeans or slacks, and nice tennis shoes (no holes or tears) for the winter and spring concerts.

8th GRADE CONCERT DRESS (RJHS, WJHS):

Gentlemen: nice black slacks, a collared dress shirt, nice dress shoes, black socks, and a (school appropriate) necktie.

Ladies: Black long skirt or pants, colored blouse or top (**not sleeveless**), black hose, and black shoes (no open toes).

***OTHER EVENTS** – All other orchestra school events and trips for each group should be orchestra t-shirts, nice jeans or slacks (no holes or tears), nice tennis shoes unless stated otherwise. Students are representing their school and orchestra when attending these events and must dress & behave accordingly. (Students who receive a negative school referral may not be allowed to attend extra orchestra events and activities including any field trips).

YOU MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM IN A CONCERT OR EVENT IF YOU DO NOT FOLLOW THE DRESS CODE! Concerts are a significant part of your orchestra grade and may not be made up. Please plan on having your dress for concerts and events ready several weeks in advance. If you have questions or difficulty getting the concert dress, be sure to contact your instructor at least a week before the event (email is best). Do not wait until the concert as we will not be able to help at that time. Orchestra T-shirts are ordered at the beginning of the school year. We may check again at the beginning of the second semester for reorders if needed.



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Supplies Needed: *Each student will need these items for class along with their instrument:*

- **1) Class Method Book:**

8th Grade (Essential Elements Book 2)

7th Grade (Essential Elements Book 1)

You can purchase books & music at Saied Music, Palmer Violins, or online at Amazon etc. (check the orchestra website at <http://fpsorch.weebly.com/resources.html> for contact info to local music shops).

- **2) Name Tag & (Shoulder rest or Rock stop):**

Violins & Violas: Name Tag for your Case, Rosin, Shoulder Rest (Kun or Everest).

Cellos & Basses: Name Tag for your Case, Rosin, Rock Stop (or Xeros strap).

**Students should also have a music stand and a tuner for practice at home.*

Instrument Purchase, Repairs, Supplies & Equipment:

Please only use a reputable shop that has a luthier that specializes in string instrument repair of violin, viola, cello, and basses. Guitar repair and sales shops are not the same. Purchasing an instrument online is generally not recommended unless you use a very reputable site that specializes in violin, viola, cello and basses.

Local Shops:

Palmer Violin Shop: <http://www.palmerviolins.com> - 479.621.0777 314 W Walnut St, Rogers, AR 72756

Saied Music: <http://www.saiedmusic.com> - 479.571.2400 2880 N. Point Circle, Fayetteville, AR 72704

Palen Music: <https://www.palenmusic.com/pages/strings> -(479) 464-8877 4093 W. Sunset Ave. Suite 101, Springdale, AR 72762

You can also go to the orchestra website **resources page for information on reputable instrument and supplies shops. <http://fpsorch.weebly.com/resources.html>*

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Pass Offs & Playing Assessments

(These will be submitted through Google Classroom video uploads and in class performances)

7th Grade (Pass Offs): This will be a *form of assessment* for beginners. Each student will be asked to perform a set of skills (on Google Classroom or in class). These pass offs will help students measure their progress throughout the school year. At the completion of each “Pass Off”, the student will receive a colored “charm” indicating he/she has demonstrated proficiency in a set skill (much like the belts awarded in Karate)! It is our hope that every student will be able to progress and “earn” a BLACK BEAD Charm, by the end of the school year!!! This will require regular practice both at school and at home throughout the year. Students will receive a Pass Off sheet with guidelines to put in their binders as reference.

8th Grade - (Playing Skills Assessments): Intermediate students in the 8th grade will do more skills assessments on google classroom focusing on demonstrating proficiency in their concert music, technique, music theory, and other concepts related to developing a mastery of the instrument. This will require regular practice both at school and at home throughout the year. Students will need to log in and submit their assignments on google classroom and keep up with due dates posted. If someone cannot do this at home due to technology issues, please see your instructor about finding a time to come in and record your assessment and we will help you submit on Google Classroom.

7th Grade Pass-off colors:	White	Yellow	Gold
	Orange	Green	Blue
	Purple	Brown	Red
	Black	2 nd Degree	3 rd Degree

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Awards:

During the spring orchestra concert there will be an awards ceremony. Awards will be presented based on several factors throughout the school year including: Participation in class, participation in extra events such as: All Region auditions, All Region Clinics, Solo & Ensemble, extra orchestra concerts and rehearsals. Also, in their contributions to the orchestra in demonstrating: leadership, volunteering, musical achievement, and genuine effort and improvement.

Grading:

- Classroom Rehearsal Techniques - 5 points per day. (Students demonstrate daily warm-up & rehearsal skills within a 5 point rubric).
- Bell ringers, exit tickets, & self-assessments 5-25 points.
- Written Assessments/ Quizzes 10-50 points.
- Skills Playing Assessments/ Pass-offs 10-50 points.
- Practice Journals / Home performances 10-50 points
- Performances/ Dress Rehearsals 100-200 points (may not be made up).
- Extra All-region assessments/ pass-offs for scales and excerpts (music selections).

(The model for this will be the ASBOA orchestra audition standards).

- Many assessments will be done using Google Classroom. If you do not have an internet accessible device at home, the student may schedule a time to accomplish this at school before the due date.
- Each school orchestra has its own procedures. All of the schools have similar rules and use the discipline chart. Being tardy may not be made up.
- Students are encouraged but not required to audition for All-Region. However, all beginning students must go through the pass-off process.
- Missing/Late work will be noted as a Z in the gradebook and students will need to submit the next class period after which points may be deducted. Students will have one week to turn in the assignment for grading after which a 0 may be noted in the gradebook.

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Orchestra Guidelines and Expectations

All orchestra members will:

1. Get to class on time; be in your seat when the bell rings. Always check the board for additional instructions.
2. Dispose of food, drink, or candy in the trashcan upon entering. Only water is permitted at your seat.
3. NO GUM IN ORCHESTRA!
4. Cell Phones should be silenced and put away unless the director has given permission to use them.
5. Be respectful of everyone in the classroom and their belongings.
6. Use appropriate and respectful language.
7. Follow all school rules during orchestra performances, trips, or activities.
8. Be responsible for attending and participating every day and at every performance.

Disciplinary Actions

1. Verbal warning
2. Conference with student
3. Lunch Detention, Parent/guardian contact
4. Disciplinary referral
5. Parent/guardian conference with teacher and administrator and possible removal from class

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Class Codes:



Woodland 8th Grade: zf7n92

Woodland 7th Grade: ijywd3



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HIGH SCHOOL**

FHS Full Orchestra: jy4v2q

FHS Chamber Orchestra: _____



**RAMAY
JR. HIGH SCHOOL**

Ramay 8th Grade fifth period: 5c600f

Ramay 7th Grade sixth period: fmb9gm

Ramay 7th Grade seventh period: nj2f5p2

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*Parents & Students please sign & print below after reading the class handbook info in the binder.
(Return this page to your orchestra teacher)*

General Orchestra Media Release Permission:

From time to time the media is invited to orchestra concerts and events. We also take photos for use on the orchestra website and in promoting the orchestra program at school and in the community. Please indicate below if you do, or do not give permission for your child to be photographed for these purposes.

___ I give my consent for my child to be photographed or filmed for inclusion in news, television, newspaper events, on the orchestra website and orchestra program promotions.

General Orchestra Program Field Trip and Events Permission:

All necessary precautions will be taken for the care and supervision of children during trips away from the school building. Beyond this, the school and those supervising these trips and activities are not responsible for accidents or injuries, which may occur. Please indicate below if you do, or do not wish for your child to participate.

___ I give my consent for my child to participate in orchestra events and activities away from the school building.

Parent Name (Print) _____ Phone # _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Name (Print) _____ Teacher _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

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Letter of Agreement

We have read and understood the obligations and responsibilities as a member of the 2018-2019 Junior High School Orchestras. We agree to follow all the rules and do our part to achieve the goals of the orchestra. We have received a calendar and a copy of the guidelines and expectations, disciplinary actions, grading policy, uniform information, field trip/media release/health information form, and student information sheet for the current school year.

Student (signature) _____
Date

Parent/Guardian (signature) _____
Date

Permission Slip/Health Information

My child, _____ has permission to travel with Mr. Yale, Ms. Haley, Fayetteville Orchestras, and orchestra chaperones, on all orchestra related field trips during the 2018-2019 school year. I understand that all school rules apply to students while on these trips. I also give permission for medical treatment for my child in case of an emergency.

Parent/Guardian signature _____
Print name _____
Date

Health Information

Doctor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Medical or other important information about your child that we may need to know (allergies, asthma, medicines your child takes, etc).

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Student Information

Name: _____ Class Period: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Cell/Home Phone:(_____) _____ - _____ Grade: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Primary contact: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

Secondary contact: _____

Relationship to student: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Email: _____

Best time/Method of contact: _____

Become a Orchestra Volunteer!

_____ I'm interested in being a field trip chaperone this year

_____ I'm interested in helping at a concert this year

_____ I'd like to help with the following: _____

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Orchestra T Shirts

Orchestra T Shirts

Student Name (Print)_____

School (circle 1): FHS / Ramay / Woodland

Adult T-Shirt Size (circle one): Small / Med. / Large / XL / 2XL

Write in if you need a youth size: _____

____ I'd like to purchase an orchestra T shirt (\$7) =

*(if a check please make to FHS) **(Please attach your payment to this form)

(Please send us an email or let us know if you need any help getting an orchestra T shirt so that we can make sure each student has a shirt for class and concerts ahead of time).