

## TERRY SANFORD HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA SYLLABUS

2017 - 2018

### MEMBERSHIP

#### Concert Orchestra (Intermediate Level)

Membership is made up of ninth grade students attending Terry Sanford High School. Students must have had orchestra experience from 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade and all the way through the middle school or with the approval of orchestra director. Students must take class for 2 semesters.

#### Chamber Orchestra (Proficient Level)

Membership is by audition and director's approval. Students in grades 9 – 12 are eligible to audition.

### GRADING

#### Concert and Chamber Orchestras

Grades for each quarter will be determined by the following format:

- a. Daily Participation - 50% of the final grade (each student receives 100 points weekly)
- b. Playing Tests - 20% (tests are given as needed)
- c. Performance - 30% (attendance at the concerts and other performances that are required – see the calendar)

#### Chamber Orchestra

**Absences** – Same as the County Attendance Policy. Students are allowed to have 19 unexcused absences for the whole year. Absences can be made up by attending a concert. Student will have to fill out a concert report form and show the proof of attending a concert (ticket, concert program signed by a teacher). For every concert attended, students will receive a credit for 2 unexcused absences.

**Tardies** – Same as the School Policy

### PERFORMANCES

1. Orchestra members must be present for every required concert
2. If a concert is missed, ***there will be no make-up performance or make-up work***
3. If student misses a concert, he/she will receive zero for his/her performance grade
4. Only excusable reasons are as follows:
  - a. Illness (student absent from school, note from a doctor may be required, parent must contact the director)
  - b. Death in the student's family

- c. Another school activity (student must inform the director about schedule conflict; the decision will be made on individual basis; student might be required to write an essay due at the day of concert performance; please inform the director ahead of time)
- d. Religious reason

### CONDUCT

1. Same as “Cumberland County Schools Student Code of Conduct”
2. **Chewing Gum** – permitted during the class rehearsal – **forbidden during the performance**
3. **Cell Phones** – not permitted in the classroom (See the School Policy)

### SEATING

1. The director will assign a seat for each student by blind audition
2. Each member must be seated in his/her assigned seat
3. If a student is not satisfied with the assigned seat, he/she may challenge a fellow member in the section that he/she plays. All challenges will be on Fridays only. A student must notify the director and the person being challenged one week before the challenge.. All challenges must be done not later than 5 weeks before the concert.

### MUSIC

1. Each orchestra member will receive a folder with music (once each semester)
2. Each orchestra member must bring a folder to all rehearsals and performances
3. Each orchestra member must have a pencil to mark the music as needed

### INSTRUMENTS

1. Each orchestra member must have an instrument
2. Orchestra members may not play an instrument that belongs to another orchestra member
3. Orchestra members may check out a county instrument, if needed
4. All instruments must be treated with care
5. Each orchestra member will be assigned a locker (for instrument and music folder only)

### UNIFORMS

#### Concert Orchestra

1. Ladies – white blouse, long black skirt, nude color pantyhose, and black shoes
2. Gentlemen – white shirt, black tie, black dress pants, black socks, black shoes

#### Chamber Orchestra

1. Ladies – long black dress, nude color pantyhose, black shoes (no miniskirts, sleeveless dresses, or pants are allowed)
2. Gentlemen – black tuxedo, white shirt, black bow tie, black socks, black dress shoes
3. **STUDENTS NOT PROPERLY DRESSED WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PERFORM AT THE CONCERT AND WILL NOT RECEIVE A CREDIT FOR THE PERFORMANCE**