

## DCHS ORCHESTRA STUDENT CONTRACT

This is a partial list of what you can expect from your teacher.

- High expectations
- Specialized teaching, resources and support
- Useful assessments and timely feedback
- Positive Reinforcement
- Clear Consequences
- Private Lessons

Here are the basic tenants expected of Orchestra students.

Students initial next to each phrase:

- I will respect others and use class time appropriately
- I will be prepared for and will perform at all concerts
- I will practice at least 120 minutes per week
- I will turn in all assignments, complete and on time
- I will attend and report upon two music events

**Orchestra is an ELECTIVE.**

We assume that you wish to succeed when you join Orchestra.  
None of these procedures beyond a warning should be necessary.  
**If you feel you cannot follow the rules, do not take the class.**

- **1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** Warning/Loss of Incentive Points
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:** Student Conference/Parent Contact
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Offense:** DM and office visit/Detention or ISS
- **Severe Offense:** Referred to the office immediately.  
**This may result in a schedule change.**

**Please sign and return this to Mrs. Higdon by August 13, 2019.**  
**You will receive a copy to keep in your music folder for reference.**

**I have received and understand and agree to abide by the rules, expectations and due dates listed in the DCHS Fall, 2019 Orchestra Handbook/Syllabus and Contract.**

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## FIRST SEMESTER DUE DATES

Put these in your calendar.

Check Infinite Campus regularly for updates.

**Smart Music Tests:** August 30 and September 9 & 16  
October 21 & 28 and November 11 & 18

**Video Playing Tests:** September 24 and November 25

**Video Self Reflections:** September 26 and November 26

**Fall Concerts:** October 1 and December 5

**Concert Reflections:** October 3 and December 6

**Practice Records:** August 12, 19, 26  
September 3, 9, 16, 23, 30  
October 14, 21, 28  
November 4, 11, 18, 25  
December 2

**Semester Reflection:** December 13

**Performance Reviews:** #1 Turned in by October 4  
#2 Turned in by December 16

**Other Written Work:** See Google Classroom/Infinite Campus  
for Due Dates throughout the semester

**Senior Projects:** September 6 – Project decided with action plan  
October 5 – Project outline and progress update  
December 9 – Project finished and presented

### Co-Curricular Dates of Interest

**Youth Orchestra Auditions:** August 17 & 24  
**All-State Auditions:** November 16

See Website for more event information