



Chandler Unified School District

ORC100A Concert Orchestra
SY 2023-24



Course Overview

Course Description

This class is for intermediate and beginning players of violin, viola, cello, or double bass. Students receive instruction directed toward independent musicianship and will rehearse music for concerts and festivals. Attendance at rehearsals, concerts, and music festivals is required.

AP/IB/Dual Enrollment

No

Prerequisite/Fee(s)

Instructor approval

Course Materials

Course Fee: \$40

Course Materials: String instrument (school instruments available for annual \$80 fee)
rosin, shoulder rest/rock stop
tuxedo/ formal dress rental (approx. \$100)

Adopted Resource(s)

Method Book: Essential Technique for Strings, book 3 (provided)
String Orchestra arrangements (provided)

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Site and Faculty Information

School name and address:

Perry High School, 1919 E Queen Creek Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85297

Building principal:

Heather Patterson
patterson.heather@cusd80.com

Teacher:

Valerie Dopp Ph.D.
dopp.valerie@cusd80.com

Office hours: 1:18 - 2:14 p.m. (per. 6)

Course Access

This course is taught in-person at Perry High School. Students will have access to the curriculum and instruction in the classroom. Google Classroom is the primary location for students to access material when absent from classes taught in person.

Help

Academic Support

- Contact the teacher to schedule an appointment during office hours
- [Ed Tech](#) support for students, parents/guardians, and community link (cusd80.com/Page/45109)

Mental Health Support

- CUSD mental health support cusd80.com/Domain/10528 or 480-573-8808 (talk or text)

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- Suicide & Crisis Lifeline: 9-8-8 hotline
 - 24-hour Crisis Line Talk: 602-222-9444, Text: 741-741

Student Conduct, Success, and Responsibilities

Student Handbook

Students must follow the policies and procedures established in the Student Handbook. Copies of the handbook can be found at cusd80.com/handbooks. Printed copies will be provided upon request.

Student Responsibilities

- To be successful students in Concert Orchestra should participate fully in class rehearsals, practice their instruments at home, and perform with the ensemble at concerts and adjudicated festivals.
- Students should not use cell phones in class unless designated by the teacher for research purposes. Students should display a positive attitude about practicing new/advanced musical techniques and playing a variety of musical styles.

Late work

- Some written assignments will be given in class.
- Be sure to make up any late work due to excused absences.
- All students are required to attend performances. Missed performances will result in 2 lowered grades until make up assignment (designated by instructor) is completed.

Assessments and Assignments

Students will complete assessments during each unit of study to assess their understanding. Students will complete the CUSD Common Final at the end of the first and second semesters. The Common Final will count for 20% of the student's final semester grade in grades 9-12 and 10% in grades 7-8 (some exceptions may apply at the Junior High level). Common finals will be in ELA, Math, Science, Social Science, and World Language.

Final exams will be given during the CUSD Jr High/High School Early Dismissal days in December and May, as identified on the [District Calendar](#).

If students are requested to participate in a survey, the survey questions will be provided to parents/guardians seven days before student contact.

Grading

Grade Percentage

A	B	C	D	F
90% - 100%	80% - 89%	70% - 79%	60% - 69%	<60%

Quarter grades

-Individual playing tests will be given once per quarter throughout the school year and will function also as chair placements for each orchestral section. The playing test may be comprised of scales and excerpts from the current repertoire.

-Occasionally we will have a written test to check understanding of music theory presented in class.

-Practicing your instrument is homework in orchestra and each student is expected to practice a minimum four days a week. Students will be graded by way of in-class practice checks and reflections to monitor their home preparation.

Semester grades

Semester grades are calculated using 40/40/20: Each quarter accounts for 40% of the semester grade and the final exam accounts for the remaining 20%.

Units of study

Units for ORC100A Concert Orchestra

- Major and minor scales and arpeggios
- Shifting to various positions (third, fifth, second, fourth, upper positions)
- Vibrato and good tone production
- Bowing styles and bow control
- Phrasing and dynamics

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Parent/Guardian

Acknowledgment

Parents/Guardians should indicate if they "Acknowledge" or have a "Potential Conflict" with their student's participation in the following units by checking the appropriate box for each unit of study listed. Students cannot opt out of a standards-based unit. Marking "Potential Conflict" will prompt the teacher to make contact regarding assignment alternatives.

Unit of study	Acknowledge	Potential Conflict
- Major and minor scales and arpeggios	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Shifting to various positions (third, fifth, second, fourth, upper positions)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Vibrato and good tone production	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Bowing styles and bow control	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
- Phrasing and dynamics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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By signing and returning this form, the parent/guardian acknowledges they have reviewed the resources and units of the study included in the syllabus.

- As the parent/guardian, I understand that I may contact the teacher if I have questions about the resources, content, or units of study.
- As the parent/guardian, I understand I can check my student's grades in Infinite Campus anytime during the school year.

Student name (printed)

Student signature

Parent/Guardian name (printed)

Parent Signature

Date

Please return this page to your student's teacher.