



**Lakeside Orchestra Syllabus: School Year 2017-2018**

<b>Course Name</b>	Mastery Orchestra – Camerata Advanced Orchestra - Philharmonia Intermediate Orchestra- Sinfonia	<b>Course Code</b>	53.05710 53.05810 53.05910
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**Course Description**

The Lakeside High School Orchestra Program is a strong training ground for young musicians in DeKalb County. Our program enrolls 160 students in three orchestras: Camerata, Philharmonia and Sinfonia. The LHS Orchestra Program has a storied tradition of excellence, achieving Superior and Excellent ratings at LGPE and performing educational orchestral literature. LHS orchestra students perform in regional and statewide youth orchestras.

**Curriculum Overview & Objectives:**

1. Performances: Each student will be involved in a performance schedule outside of class time, which includes the concerts listed on the included calendar. Missing a concert FOR ANY REASON will result in a zero for that concert. Make up assignments are given at the discretion of the director.
2. Auditions: Each student will audition for seating placement with the Lakeside Orchestra each September, and will be given an assessment grade based on rhythm & tempo, intonation, musicianship, technique, sound quality and preparation. Students will also be asked to participate in other auditions, including but not limited to: District Honor Orchestra, All-State, EJCO, MYSO, EYSO, DYSO, GYSO, ASYO and others.
3. Assessment: Students will be assessed regularly in class through playing tests, class work, graded paperwork, and a Semester 1 and 2 Exam. Other assessments may be given in addition to these. For full grading policy, please see the Orchestra Handbook.

**Lockers** – Students who play violin and viola **MUST** have an a locker in the orchestra room. Bring a combination lock to class and check out a locker during the first week of school. Instruments found left out in the classroom or the hallway will be brought to lost and found and parents will be contacted.

**Hall Pass Policy** - The Director reserves the right to deny use of the Hall Pass for any student found abusing the Hall Pass privilege.

**Concert Attire**

**Ladies:** Black orchestra dress selected by the director. Black closed toed shoes. They may be flats or heels. No flip flops or sneakers will be allowed.

**Gentlemen:** Black tuxedo with matching pants, white tab-collared tux shirt, black tie, black cummerbund, black socks, and black formal shoes.

*Note:* Casual concert attire may be required for trips; orchestra polo, tucked in, and nice, dark denim jeans and clean tennis shoes. Jeans should not have holes or tears.

**GRADING SYSTEM:** The DeKalb County School District believes that the most important assessment of student learning shall be conducted by the teachers as they observe and evaluate students in the context of ongoing classroom instruction. A variety of approaches, methodologies, and resources shall be used to deliver educational services and to maximize each student’s opportunity to succeed. Teachers shall evaluate student progress, report grades that represent the student’s academic achievement, and communicate official academic progress to students and parents in a timely manner through the electronic grading portal. **See Board Policy IHA.**

DISTRICT EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCCESS	
<b>STUDENT PROGRESS</b>	Semester progress reports shall be issued four and a half, nine and thirteen and a half weeks into each semester. The progress of students shall be evaluated frequently and plans shall be generated to remediate deficiencies as they are discovered. Plans shall include appropriate interventions designed to meet the needs of the students. <b>See Board Policy IH.</b>
<b>ACADEMIC INTEGRITY</b>	Students will not engage in an act of academic dishonesty including, but not limited to, cheating, providing false information, falsifying school records, forging signatures, or using an unauthorized computer user ID or password. <b>See the Code of Student Conduct - Student Rights and Responsibilities and Character Development Handbook.</b>
<b>HOMEWORK</b>	Homework assignments should be meaningful and should be an application or adaptation of a classroom experience. Homework is at all times an extension of the teaching/learning experience. It should be considered the possession of the student and should be collected, evaluated and returned to the students. <b>See Board Policy IHB.</b>
<b>MAKE-UP WORK DUE TO ABSENCES</b>	When a student is absent because of a legal reason as defined by Georgia law or when the absence is apparently beyond the control of the student, the student shall be given an opportunity to earn grade(s) for those days absent. Make-up work must be completed within the designated time allotted. <b>See Board Policy IHEA.</b>
SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCCESS	
<b>CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS</b>	<p><b>A Student Musician...</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Is expected to come to class prepared to learn</li> <li>2. Is respectful of his/herself, others, the director/instructor, our lesson, and the music.</li> <li>3. Practices regularly</li> <li>4. Is mature in thoughts and actions</li> <li>5. Is imaginative and productive</li> </ol> <p>Maintaining these expectations will result in a wonderful year! Refusal to follow these will result in disciplinary action.</p>
<b>MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES</b>	<p>Instrument  Instrument Care Products (rosin, extra strings, peg compound, rock stop, etc.)  PERSONAL copy of the music  Pencils  Tuner/Metronome (highly encouraged)  <i>Note:</i> Failure to bring all the above items will result in lowering of the student's grade.</p>
<b>EXTRA HELP</b>	<b>Tutorial times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 am to 7:45 am and 3:30 and by appointment</b>
<b>PARENTS AS PARTNERS</b>	<b>All parents are encouraged to attend meetings, sign up for volunteer opportunities and check our website often!</b>

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**\*\*\*PARENT & STUDENT ELECTRONIC SYLLABUS & HANDBOOK SIGNATURES DUE FRIDAY, AUGUST 11 FOR A GRADE!\*\*\***

**TO SUBMIT ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES:** Go to: [www.lakesideorchestra.com](http://www.lakesideorchestra.com) CLICK ON FORMS --> "HANDBOOK/SYLLABUS SIGNATURE PAGE"

**ALSO DUE AUGUST 11 FOR A GRADE:**

1. Handbook/Syllabus Signature Page
2. Student Info Form (submit electronically on website)
3. Cello/ Bass Instrument Rental Form (all cellos and basses that use in class cellos must participate in this program)
4. Complete the Newsletter registration so that you can receive weekly updates from Mr. Giel

*Note:* If a computer is not available to the student, he/she can use the orchestra or library computer.