

Course Name: Intermediate Orchestra

Course Number: FAR 1020

Brief Course Overview: The Intermediate Orchestra is for advancing string students, grades 6-12, who aim to continue developing their string technique and ensemble skills. Musicians in the Intermediate Orchestra perform fun and challenging string orchestra repertoire and regularly rehearse in sectionals, small chamber music groups, and as a larger ensemble. Students who are enrolled in Intermediate Orchestra are eligible to participate in Florida Orchestra Association (FOA) events such as Solo and Ensemble and All-County/All-State. While this is not a requirement of the course, all students are highly encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities. The Intermediate Orchestra makes our community better by sharing its music at a multitude of public performances throughout the year.

Main Topics of Study:

- Individual Instrumental Technique
- Ensemble Technique
- Composition and Improvisation
- Musical Vocabulary and Theory
- Aural Skills: Audiation, Sight-Singing, and Dictation
- Repertoire in relation to history/culture

What are the Enduring Understandings of the course?

- Demonstrates knowledge, understanding, and perception of music in relation to time, place, and cultures.
- Use appropriate musical terminology to describe and reflect their critical understanding of music.
- Demonstrate proper instrumental technique
- Demonstrate appropriate ensemble skills (balance, listening, identifying melodic and harmonic lines, error detection)
- Evaluate and analyze music and music performances

Prerequisites: Prior String instrument experience is recommended, but not required to take this course. Beginners with a growth mindset and a positive attitude are encouraged to register.

Corequisites: Private lessons are highly recommended (Approximate cost is \$1450 based upon 24 lessons per year.)

Course Length: Year

Meets NBPS Graduation Requirement? Yes - Fine Arts

Included in Bright Futures GPA calculation? No

Included in NBPS GPA? Yes, Class of 2027 and beyond, Arts Academy class of 2024 and beyond

NCAA Core Class? No

State University Core Class? No