

# Richardson High School Orchestras – Syllabus

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

- All students will continue to improve individual and ensemble skills through *home practice*, class instruction, video/recorded assignments, and sectionals or after-school rehearsals.
- Students will explore and perform a wide range of orchestral repertoire from classical literature to popular music.
- Orchestra handbook is posted on [www.rhsorchestra.org/hub](http://www.rhsorchestra.org/hub)
- Presto Organization Code: richardsonhsorch

## PROGRAM FEES\*

9 <sup>th</sup>	\$245 (+ \$100 School-Owned Inst Fee, if applicable)
10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup>	\$220 (+ \$100 School-Owned Inst Fee, if applicable)
12 <sup>th</sup>	\$245 (+ \$100 School-Owned Inst Fee, if applicable)
Lost Tuner	\$20 (if applicable)

\* *Make checks payable to RAOC or pay online, go to [presto-assistant.com](http://presto-assistant.com)*

## GRADING POLICY

Participation/Sectionals	30%
Performances	30%
Fundamentals/Hand Positions/BTT	20%
Skills/Playing Tests/Written Tests	20%

## CONCERTS

Concert dates are published on our [calendar](#) and attendance at ALL concerts is mandatory. Other school activity conflicts should be communicated to the directors in writing many weeks in advance to resolve the issue.

## CLASSROOM EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to follow RISD and RHS Rules at all times. **Using cell phones without permission during class will result in the cell phone being taken up.** Students in the RHS orchestra program are models in behavior for the rest of the school and are held to a higher standard than the average student. Infractions will result in following the school discipline plan and parents may be notified. Continued discipline problems may result in removal from the course. Also, students must show effort, growth, and progress, or they may be removed from the class or orchestra program

*Daily Expectations are as follows:*

1. Adhere to the RHS tardy policy and be in the Orchestra Room with all materials when the tardy bell rings. **Students have** one minute after the tardy bell to be seated with instrument and supplies.
2. No students are allowed to eat in the orchestra room or practice rooms during lunch. Practicing in the orchestra room or practice rooms is allowed during lunch upon director approval.
3. No talking, plucking, or playing out-of-turn during class. If you have a question, raise your hand.
4. No food, gum, candy, or drink allowed in the Orchestra Room. No Exceptions.
5. Respect **ALL** people and instruments at **ALL** times. All orchestra students will be supported and affirmed in our classroom.
6. Bring instrument and **ALL** supplies (including tuner, binder, rosin, soft cloth, & pencil) every day to class. Directors may not be able to provide loaner instruments to a student if they forget their instrument.

## PRIVATE LESSONS/TUTORING

Students are encouraged to continue their study through private lessons, which are \$25 per 30 minutes. See our website for teachers and contact information. We tutor by appointment upon request during lunches on T/Th.

## REHEARSAL/CONCERT AND WRITTEN HOMEWORK MAKE-UP POLICY

- In accordance with RISD policy, all “excused” absences will be honored with no grade penalty.
- An “unexcused” absence from a before or after school sectional or rehearsal will lower the participation grade.
- An “unexcused” absence from a scheduled concert will reflect a grade of “50” to be averaged into the student’s nine week performance grade, and the student may be subject to removal from the course.
- Students may complete late work, for no penalty, with the exception of Breezin’ Thru Theory, within each 9 week period. Late work will not be accepted outside of each 9 week period, and will result in a “50” if the assignment is not turned in.

For more detailed information, please contact your campus teacher.

[Private Lesson Sign-Up](#)

[Syllabus Acknowledgement – SIGN HERE](#)