

Tumwater High School

Orchestra

Handbook



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Tumwater High School  
Instrumental Music

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a fun-filled and relaxing summer. If you are new to the THS instrumental music family, welcome! If you are returning, welcome back!

By sending out this packet I hope to answer most questions regarding the THS instrumental music program. Please contact me with any questions or concerns. The best way to reach me is email [peter.klinzman@tumwater.k12.wa.us](mailto:peter.klinzman@tumwater.k12.wa.us) , I don't always get to phone messages in a timely manner.

We always need help in concessions, our parent booster organization "Tumwater United Music Society (TUMS) raises money by running football concessions. This is the only fundraiser we do. All monies raised go directly back to instrumental music in the form of instruments, uniforms, helping students cover fees when needed, etc. This means *no kids traveling door to door selling stuff*. We have 4 to five opportunities for you to get involved with TUMS by volunteering at the concessions stand. To sign-up, please fill out the google form I sent via Skyward. Unfortunately, a food handler's card is required to volunteer; the cost is \$10.

Thanks for taking a few minutes to look over the handbook. Please follow the link at the end to the google form acknowledging that you have received and read the handbook.

Regards,

Peter Klinzman  
Band/Orchestra Director Tumwater High school

## Tumwater High School Instrumental Music

### What you need to know

#### Please Read

**Performances:** All performances by THS instrumental groups are mandatory and part of each student's grade. Please refer to the 2025-2026 performance schedule(s) for all relevant dates. All concerts begin at 7:00pm and all students are required to report no later than 6:30pm (unless otherwise instructed). All students are required to participate in tearing down the stage after each concert. This is part of their performance grade. School attendance policy is followed for any missed performances (**work is not a valid excuse to miss a performance**). Please refer to the attached grading/attendance/practice policy form for detailed information.

**Remind:** Remind allows me to send "one way" communication regarding up-coming events to students and parents. You will receive sign-up information the 1st week of school. All instrumental students must sign-up, I strongly encourage parents to do so as well. **You do not need the app to sign-up.**

**School instrument use:** If your child plays an instrument such as bass clarinet, bassoon, etc. or a large instrument such as the bass or cello, they can check out a school instrument on the first day of school.

**Concessions:** We always need help with concessions during football games. This is our only fundraiser. follow the link below for sign-up genius to volunteer

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BA8A72FABFB6-49936814-tums>

**Private Lessons:** Private lessons can help our students reach their full potential on their instrument. I have information regarding private lessons. Please let me know how I can help.

**Additional Information:** All THS orchestra students should have a music stand for home practice. Also, all orchestra students should have their own rosin, mute, and cleaning cloth. All of these items are readily available at any local music store.

**ASB Cards:** Per WAC, It is required that all instrumental students obtain an ASB card. If this is an economic hardship please let me know, there are ways we can help.

**Phones and ear buds:** All phones and earbuds will be away and off during my class. Please read the new school policy on cell phone use

**Performance Attire:** Concert attire for all THS instrumental groups is concert black; black slacks, skirt/Dress (ankle length and no slit dresses or skirts please), dress shirt, blouse, black dress shoes.  
**Please let me know ASAP if this will be a financial hardship, we have resources to help.**

### What is NOT Concert Black Attire?

- jeans, sweats, warm-up pants, yoga pants, leggings, mini-skirts or shorts
- t-shirts, tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, or crop tops
- flip-flops, sports shoes, sneakers, black shoes with colored stripes or logos
- white socks, colored socks, no-socks, bare legs, or bare feet

Below are examples of concert black attire



# TUMWATER INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

## GRADING POLICY

The following criteria is used to grade all instrumental classes at THS.

- Concert/Performance –55%
- Basic Skills – 20%
- Assessments – 25%

**Concert/Performance:** A summative assessment that includes any performance for the public, all concerts, football games, graduation, etc. All performances are **mandatory** and part of each student's grade. Concert schedules are included in the band and orchestra handbooks, ***I ask families to please make the arrangements necessary for students to attend every performance.***

**Basic Skills:** A formative assessment of student musical knowledge that will include scales, music theory, part testing, etc.

**Tests/Quizzes:** A formal summative assessment of student musical knowledge.

The following grading scale is in effect.

A	=	100-93%	C+	=	79.99-77%
A-	=	92.99-90%	C	=	76.99-73%
B+	=	89.99-87%	C-	=	72.99-70%
B	=	86.99-83%	D	=	69.99-67%
B-	=	82.99-80%	D-	=	66.99-60%
			F	=	59.99-below

**Retesting:** All basic skills/Quiz testing (formative assessment) is graded on whether the student can demonstrate knowledge of the skill tested. Students will have multiple opportunities to demonstrate skill knowledge during the semester they are tested. Students may retest during core, before or after school.

**Performance missed due to illness or family emergency:** Any performance missed due to illness or family emergency is considered "excused" but must be made up to receive points for that performance (I cannot give points for something someone did not do). The student and instructor will work together to design a fair make-up assignment.

**Personal Practice:** Students are expected to practice their instruments outside of class. A minimum of 3 hours a week at the high school is necessary for students to make progress on their instruments.

The THS orchestra will use the ensemble warm-up book "**Habits of a Successful String Musician**", This book may be purchased at any local music store. If possible students are required to have these books by Monday Sept. 9

# Orchestra

## 2025 – 2026 Concert Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Report Time</u>
October 15	Fine Arts Fest.	6:30pm
November 1	Tumwater String Festival	TBD
December 4	Winter Concert	6:30pm
February 26	5-12 Concert	6:30pm
March 4	Large Group	During school Day
May 14	Final Concert	6pm
June 4	Graduation	TBD

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### **Other dates of interest:**

September	Fall Play Auditions
November	Winter Play Auditions
December 11	Choir Concert
February 21	Solo/Ensemble
March 12	Choir Concert
April 17	BHHS Swing Dance
May 20	Choir Concert