

JEFFERSON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
PERFORMANCE MUSIC
2021-22

Performance Music Student

- I acknowledge & understand the Performance Music guidelines regarding rehearsal attendance, concerts, and dress code.
- I acknowledge & understand the information in the Jefferson Junior High School Performance Music handbook.
- I have taken the music department music calendar home to my parents/guardian **and have marked the dates on the family calendar.**
- I will do my best to be a contributing member of my Performance Music ensemble.

Student, printed name

Date

Student, signature

Grade in school _____

If you're in Band or Orchestra, what instrument do you play? _____

Parents/Guardian: I am aware of the JJHS music department policies and guidelines, including the performance dates.

Parent/Guardian, printed name

Parent/Guardian, signature

Please return this signed form to your director by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2021**

Jefferson Junior High School Performance Music Handbook 2021-22

The Jefferson Music Staff is pleased that you and your child have chosen to be in Performance Music. We are very proud of our Band, Orchestra, and Chorus programs and believe that your child will have an extremely rewarding experience this school year.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN JJHS PERFORMANCE MUSIC ORGANIZATIONS

- Chorus, Band and Orchestra are full year classes. Students are expected to remain enrolled for the full school year.
- Students and/or parents should address all questions regarding membership or attendance to their respective director.

INSTRUMENT SECURITY

- Jefferson Junior High School provides a storage area for musical instruments. Band and Orchestra members can be issued a JJHS Band/Orchestra lock. While locks are not required, we recommend students having one to ensure their instrument; books, etc. do not get misplaced or mixed up with those of other students. **Personal locks are not allowed.**
- While we do supply locks and lockers, the school is not responsible for damaged, lost or stolen instruments. Model, make and serial number of your child's instrument should be registered at home.

PERFORMANCES

Students are required to attend the concerts of their respective ensembles. The annual Solo/Ensemble Festival for Band and Orchestra members is also a required performance. A student is excused from a performance if he/she is ill and is absent from school or is out of town with his/her family. The director must be notified of the absence WELL in advance. Other absences are unexcused. **FAMILY PARTIES, SOCIAL EVENTS AND ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES would not be considered an excused absence.** An unexcused absence will result in a lower grade.

Please note:

- ***Students must be in attendance for at least five periods on the day of a musical performance event.***
- ***Students who are absent from school for more than 4 periods on the day of a concert may not participate in the evening performance.***

BAND

- **8th Grade Wind Ensemble:** rehearses three times per week
- **7th Grade Symphonic Band:** rehearses three times per week.
- **6th Grade Concert Band:** rehearses twice per week.
- All band members have 1 small group lesson per week.

Extra-Curricular Ensembles

- **Jazz Band:** (Wednesday mornings before school) Open to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade band members. No audition is required. Begins in October.
- **Jazz Ensemble:** (Monday mornings before school) Open to all 7th and 8th grade band members by audition. Begins in October.

ORCHESTRA

- **Orchestra:** Open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade string players. Each week, string players attend one small group lesson and two full orchestra rehearsals (beginners join full orchestra during the 3rd trimester).

- **Symphonic Orchestra:** Open to selected 8th grade Wind Ensemble players. Symphonic Orchestra gives students the opportunity to play full orchestra literature with soloistic wind and percussion parts. Meets during the 2nd trimester during supervised study and performs at the March orchestra concert.

Extra-Curricular Ensemble

- **String Fusion:** (Thursday mornings before school) Open to all Orchestra members. No audition is required for membership. Begins in October.

CHORUS

Jefferson has three choirs that are open to all students.

- **Choirs** rehearse two or three times per week. Your schedule will be given to you after the first day of chorus

Extra-Curricular Ensemble

- **Jefferson Singers:** (Tuesday mornings at 7:00 AM) Open to all 7th and 8th grade chorus members by audition. You must be in regular chorus to audition. Begins in October.

CONCERT UNIFORM FOR ALL PERFORMING GROUPS

The concert uniform consists of a music department polo shirt, black pants, black shoes and socks. Flip-flops are not allowed for music performances. The music department shirt can be purchased through the school. Order forms will be provided.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

Mr. Colbert, Chorus, mcolbert@naperville203.org, (630) 420-2957

Mr. Gallagher, Orchestra, pgallagher@naperville203.org, (630) 420-5642

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Important Information for Orchestra Members

SMALL GROUP LESSONS

- All Orchestra members have a small group lesson one period each week.
- Orchestra members are given a small group lesson schedule which lists their specific lesson periods.
- Since Orchestra members come for a lesson during one of their classes, they go to their class first, “check in”, hand in homework, write down the next day’s assignment, and come to the band room for a lesson.
- Orchestra members are excused from a lesson if they have a test, quiz, special speaker, or a class project that can only be completed that day. Since students are missing class time to come for a lesson, we are flexible.
- Orchestra lessons can be made up if a student cannot come during their regular lesson time. Also, the small group lesson schedule rotates periods so that Orchestra members do not miss the same class more than approximately once a month.

FULL ORCHESTRA REHEARSALS

6th Grade Orchestra: Tuesday & Thursday, **6th Period.**

7th Grade Orchestra: Tuesday & Thursday, **2nd Period.**

8th Grade Orchestra: Tuesday & Thursday, **8th Period.**

Please note

~~● Performance music students have the option of coming to the band room to work on homework during recess (after eating lunch) so they do not lose study hall/homework time on the days they have Orchestra.~~

Attendance

- All Orchestra members are expected to be at all full orchestra rehearsals, small group lessons (unless there is a conflict), orchestra concerts, and the Solo/Ensemble Festival.
- **Concerts are considered trimester assessments.** An unexcused absence from a concert will result in a student’s orchestra grade being lowered by two letters.
- Orchestra members should always bring in a note from home to explain an absence from a concert.

Trimester Requirements

- All orchestra members will be assessed on specific exercises and scales during their small group lessons, and this will be part of the trimester grade.
- Students will also receive a grade for concert participation and daily grades for both their large group orchestra rehearsals and small group lessons.

Attitude

Orchestra students who work hard, practice regularly and perform their best can count on earning a good grade for the trimester. The Jefferson orchestra department puts much emphasis on ***EFFORT and a POSITIVE ATTITUDE!***

