

Honors Orchestra Expectations  
2019-2020

I agree to the following expectations of Honors Orchestra:

1. I am making a commitment for the school year to equal 1.0 Honors Credit.
2. I will attend all rehearsals to the very best of my ability, making this group my priority on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. I understand that if my attendance is not consistent I will NOT be awarded the honors credit. If I am unable to attend rehearsals, I will work with Mrs. Watts to form an alternative plan.
3. If I am unable to attend a rehearsal I will inform Mrs. Watts as soon as possible using Remind.
4. I will be punctual, have all my materials, be tuned and ready to go at start time. We have limited time so every minute counts. Mrs. Watts will be diligent to start rehearsals on time and I will be diligent to be on time and ready to go at start time.
5. I will commit to practicing my Honors music outside of rehearsal. I understand that rehearsal is not the time to work out notes or rhythm in my individual part. This will be done by me outside of rehearsal time. This individual practice time is part of my honors credit. Rehearsal time will be spent on ensemble skills and developing musicality.
6. I will not take out my phone **at all** during honors rehearsal. If I forget I will be reminded once. If I forget again Mrs. Watts will ask me to put my phone on the front table and I will be able to pick it up after rehearsal.
7. I will not talk unnecessarily during rehearsal. This wastes time and we have very limited time as it is. This applies to general "chatting" not sincere question asking/discussion.
8. I will have a positive attitude when I come to rehearsal and when speaking of our group. I will not talk negatively about my playing or the playing of our ensemble. I will work hard to promote encouragement and positivity to create a safe and fun place of learning and exploring for everyone involved.
9. I commit to participating fully in Symphonic Orchestra class. This includes learning in-class music as well as my Honors music. I will strive to be a leader in this class, speaking encouraging words to others and speaking positively about our playing.
10. I commit to playing in each school orchestra function both in the Honors orchestra as well as Symphonic as scheduled.
11. I commit to participating in any other performing opportunities that may come up for us as the year progresses. We will always talk about these as a group and decide together what we would like to do.
12. I will receive lettering points for being involved in the Honors Orchestra.
13. If I am **not expecting credit** for my participation #9 and Symphonic part of #10 do not apply.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_