

# David Crockett Middle School

## *Orchestra*



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# Grades

Learning objectives in Performing Arts courses are based on performance skills, responsibility, and participation.

## Daily Grades:

- Practice Cards
- Rehearsal Technique
  - This includes behavior, & participation per the rehearsal technique rubric
- Small playing quizzes
- Worksheets
- After school rehearsals

***Counts as 2 Daily Grades***

## Major Grades:

- Playing tests
- Music theory tests
- Performances/Concerts  
***Counts as 2 Major Grades***

\*\*Additional info can be found in the FBISD Orchestra Handbook\*\*

# Rehearsals

In order to adequately prepare for concerts/performances there will be many after school rehearsals throughout the year. Students will always be given 2+ weeks of notice for these rehearsals.

Students enrolled in the Symphonic and Chamber levels of orchestra will be expected to attend a weekly sectional rehearsal as stated in the FBISD Orchestra Handbook.

# Uniform

## Orchestra t-shirt

All students will be required to purchase the 2022-2023 Orchestra T-shirt. This will serve as the concert uniform for Beginner Students and as the field trip uniform for Symphonic/Chamber Students. The shirt is \$10 + a \$10 fee.

## Formal Uniform for Symphonic/Chamber Students:

- a black long-sleeve button up shirt
- a pair of black dress pants (no jeans, no leggings, no joggers, no sweats, etc) for ladies and gentlemen or long black skirt
- a black belt
- black socks (black opaque hose are acceptable for ladies)
- black, close-toed shoes (no black sneakers, sandals, or flip-flops)

# Concerts

Orchestra is a performance based class. Therefore, we will have several concerts/performances throughout the school year. These are a required part of the curriculum for all students enrolled in orchestra per the FBISD Orchestra Handbook and the State of Texas TEKS.

# Practice

Every 3 weeks students will be given a practice card where they will record their home practice. **These are required.**

In addition, students **MUST** take their instrument at least **twice a week.**

# Communication

Parents and students need to sign up for Remind for their orchestra level. This will be the primary mode of communication. Messages will be very limited and a weekly newsletter will be sent out.

## Parent Responsibilities

- Attend every concert and performance to hear your child's progress
- Help and encourage your child to practice at home
- Help make sure your child has the appropriate concert uniform
- Pick up and drop off your child at all events
- Volunteer and assist with activities throughout the year
- Take time to read this handbook and the weekly orchestra newsletter
- Create a personal calendar along with your child so they can attend all events

## FBISD Orchestra Handbook

Please scan and read the entire FBISD Orchestra Handbook for all additional info and expectations.



# Calendar of Events

This calendar is tentative, that means dates or times may change

- Sno-cone truck- August 19, 4:30pm @ DCMS
- Parent meeting- August 30, 6:30pm @ DCMS
- Beginner concert- October 6, 7pm @ DCMS
  - Parent meeting and fundraiser kick-off- October 6, 6pm @ DCMS
- Fall concert(Symphonic/Chamber)- October 20, 7pm @DCMS
- All-Region Auditions-October 21-22 @ Ronald Thornton MS
- Orchestra Social- November 10 @ Sky Sports
- Winter concert- December 14, 7pm @ DCMS
- Chamber orchestra elementary school tour- December 2
- Beginner string fling- February 2-3 @ Hopson Field House
- Symphonic Orchestra Pre-UIL- March 3-4 @ Kempner HS
- Full Orchestra UIL- March 7 @ Travis HS
- Chamber Orchestra Pre-UIL- March 9 @ Bush HS
- Symphonic Orchestra UIL- March 24-25 @ Kempner HS
- Chamber Orchestra UIL - March 30 @ Bush HS
- Symphonic/Chamber festival and trip- April 1 @ TBD
- DCMS Solo and Ensemble- April 11-12 @ DCMS
- FBISD Beginner Orchestra Festival- April 25 @ Dulles HS
- Spring concert and awards- May 18, 7pm @ DCMS

**Please retain this page for your records.**

**Updates/Reminders will be via Remind if needed.**