

# KPS Orchestra

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## 2009-10 KHS Orchestra Handbook

Kearney Public Schools orchestra has a growing tradition of excellence, performances and musicians. Its members built these honors from a commitment to the program and themselves by their dedication and effort.

### **GRADES**

Student's grades will be determined from the following criteria:

#### **Daily participation 50%                      50 pts**

This will include

- 1) Have instrument, music and equipment for class everyday
  - Deduction one point each day no music or instrument
- 2) Individual participation in setting up and tearing down of stands and chairs in the classroom and during performances
  - Deduction one point each day of leaving a chairs or stand
- 3) Participation and attention in class
  - Deduction one point for each unexcused tardy. AFTER TWO TARDIES IN CLASS STUDENT WILL RECIVE A WARNING LETTER OR EMAIL TO PARENTS. AFTER THE NEXT TARDY STUDENT WILL BE ASSIGNED A SATURDAY SCHOOL.
- 4) Class Attendance
  - Deduction two point for each unexcused absent
    - \* Students will be counted tardy for each tardy. Three tardiest will be result in Saturday school assigned through the principal's office.
- 5) Not eating food, pop or gum in the classroom
- 6) Having forms, permit letters, and other correspondences back to school on time.
- 7) Any violation of school policy (found in KHS hand book) will be reflected in this grade. NO CELL PHONES OR I-PODS IN CLASS unless approved by Mr. Klein to record a date in Calendar.

#### **Practice 20%                                      20 pts**

Students will be expected to prepare their music out of class time. No formal record keeping will be kept. Playing test and monitoring of lockers will be used for this assessment. Playing test, personal observations, chair placements, and recordings will be used for evaluation.

## Daily performance 30% 30pt

Each student will be daily assessed in the following playing objectives: 1) Posture 2) instrument position 3) inability to perform the assignment at an acceptable level 4) failure to strive to improve in weak areas of performance 5) Attitude

### **Attendance of concerts, concert attendance sheets, and written examination**

Students must attend all of their KHS orchestra performance. Failure to attend a concert will be a reduction of **15pts** of your final quarter grade. Emergency situations will be excluded with a WRITTEN note from parents or guardian **within 5 school days of the performance.**

### **REQUIRED Concerts are:**

October 12<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm **IMPAC AT THE MERRYMAN Auditorium**

December 8<sup>th</sup> All day **Symphonic Orchestra Elementary Concerts**

December 11<sup>th</sup> AM All day **Camerata Elementary tour Concerts**

December 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm **KHS Auditorium**

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm **KHS Auditorium**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30pm **KHS Auditorium**

### **ATTENDING A NON-PLAYING CONCERT EACH QUARTER 10pts**

Each student must attend at least one music concert and write up a concert attendance sheet each quarter for each concert. Any community concert will work for a concert attendance. Student can receive credit for non-orchestra concerts if a concert attendance sheet is filled out. Failure to attend a concert will be a reduction of 10pts of your final quarter grade. Concert attendance forms are found on our web site.

[www.kpsorchestra.org](http://www.kpsorchestra.org) under HS forms.

### **1<sup>st</sup> SEMESTER TEST**

KHS orchestra 1<sup>st</sup> semester test will involve a public performance of a small ensemble during the month of December. Students will select members of their ensemble, music, and performance(s) site(s). All selection of the members, music and performance sites must have prior signed approval of Mr. Klein. Detailed information on the semester test will be handed out after December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> SEMESTER TEST**

KHS 2<sup>nd</sup> semester test will involve students composing and performing their own composition in class during semester test times. Detailed information on the semester test will be handed out after District music contest.

### **EXTRA CREDIT**

Extra credit will be awarded for students that participate in opportunities other than that of KHS classroom orchestra. Extra credit points will be awarded only in the quarter that the event occurs.

- 2 pts Audition for NMEA, Allstate orchestra
- 5pts Participation in TCYS, must attend all rehearsals except for emergencies
- 2pts Audition for an Honor Orchestras (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter)
- 5pt Participation in KASO, must attend all rehearsals except for emergencies
- 5pts Participation in HSO, must attend all rehearsals except for emergencies
- 5pt Selected in the NMEA Orchestra (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter)
- 5pts Selected in a Nebraska Honor Orchestra
- 10pts Selected in a National Honor Orchestra
- 2pt Take private lessons, (at least 3 a month). You must fill out private lesson form.

- \*\*All concert attendance forms must be filled out before the last day of the semester. No late forms will be accepted. Forms must be submitted by Email through web site**
- \*\*All lessons must fill out a private lesson voucher to receive points.**
- \*\*No gum, pop, or food allowed in class anytime only water allowed.**
- \*\*All freshman students selected into the Camerata must also participate in the Symphony orchestra 1a.**
- \*\*\* If you want to contact Mr. Klein the best way is to email him at [dave.klein@kearneypublic.org](mailto:dave.klein@kearneypublic.org) The message machine at the HS is not checked regularly.**

### **Concert Attendance Points scale for High School Orchestra**

10pt required for each quarter

(25pt total possible unless prior approval)

10 pt (25 pts MAX)

- Any professional Orchestra (including HSO & KASO)
- Any Community concert program (available form Mr. Klein)
- A solo recital or small ensemble by a professional playing a string instrument
- Concert Critiques must be written in a high level

8pt (16 pts max)

- Any HS musical group that you are not involved in. Including band, choral, musicals. If you are involved, 6 pts
- A performance of any UNK large ensemble. Including band, choral, and jazz band
- A solo recital or small ensemble by a professional musician(s).
- Concert Critiques must be written in a high level

4pts (12pts max)

- Any performance that you are involved in and you observe other groups
- Any Middle school performances
- Any non-classical performing groups (rock, punk, jazz,)
- Concert Critiques must be written in a high level

3pts (9pts max)

- Any Elementary program
- Any non-professional church performance
- Any TV concert or TV concert
- Concert Critiques must be written in a high level

You can earn up to 25pt total max for concert attendance. Anything over 10 pts is extra credit.

**NO CREDIT WILL BE AWARDED WITHOUT A CONCERT ATTENDANCE FORM All forms must be fill out online and mailed to Mr. Klein or a hard copy found in Orchestra room. Concert Critique form can be found on KPS web site. [www.kpsorchestra.org](http://www.kpsorchestra.org)**

**\*\*RETURN THIS PAGE TO CLASS BY AUGUST 27, 2009 with signatures  
ONE POINT DEDUCTION UNDER DAILY PARTICAPATION FOR EACH DAY  
LATE**

I received the Orchestra grading policy.

Print clearly!!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Orchestra instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Other instruments you play \_\_\_\_\_

Are you taking private lessons? \_\_\_\_\_ From? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you giving private lessons? \_\_\_\_\_ How many students? \_\_\_\_\_

What activities are you planning on participating in this year?

\_\_\_\_\_ Audition NMEA Orchestra (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr only) Nov 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> Audition Oct 10<sup>th</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_ Audition Hastings Honor Orchestra (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) Feb.4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Live audition in Nov

\_\_\_\_\_ Audition Wesleyan Honor Orchestra (Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>) Send in audition

\_\_\_\_\_ TCYS Symphonic Adventures Sept 11-13<sup>th</sup> Camp Comeca

\_\_\_\_\_ KASO Every Tue evening at UNK @ 7:00

\_\_\_\_\_ Hastings Symphony (arr on Thursday nights)

TRIPS!!!

\_\_\_\_\_ Trip to??

Other?

Other interest: (sports, hobbies, debate, swimming, tractor pulling, sailing etc.)

Student's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student's email \_\_\_\_\_ Print clearly!!!!

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's email \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's comments: