

Intermediate Orchestra Syllabus- Christa McAuliffe Middle School

Course Title: Intermediate Orchestra

Course Description: Grades 7-8

This course has no prerequisites. 7th and 8th grade students will learn fundamental music literacy skills and musicianship through performance on a string orchestra instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass).

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Required Texts/Method Books: Essential Elements for Strings, Book 1 (Hal Leonard)

Instructional Medium: A combination of various apps and websites will be used, including Google Classroom, Flipgrid, Google Meet, Quizlet, Essential Elements Interactive, Loom and more as needed.

Instructional Overview:

<p style="text-align: center;">Quarter 1</p> <p><u>Sound Fundamentals:</u> Posture, Hand Position, Instrument Anatomy and Care</p> <p><u>Technique:</u> Pizzicato, D Major Scale/ Arpeggio, basic ear training and improvisation</p> <p><u>Rhythm:</u> Quarter Notes, Quarter Rests and beginning level rhythm combinations</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quarter 2</p> <p><u>Sound Fundamentals:</u> Bowing Introduction, Detache Stroke, 4th finger introduction</p> <p><u>Technique:</u> Bowing, D and G Major, basic ear training and improvisation/ composition</p> <p><u>Rhythm:</u> Beginning level rhythm combinations including eighth notes</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Quarter 3</p> <p><u>Sound Fundamentals:</u> String Crossings</p> <p><u>Technique:</u> D, G and C Major, Chromaticism Introduction, basic ear training and improvisation/ composition</p> <p><u>Rhythm:</u> Beginning level rhythm combinations including eighth notes and slur patterns</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Quarter 4</p> <p><u>Sound Fundamentals:</u> Staccato bowing, hooked bowing, loure, martele</p> <p><u>Technique:</u> D, G, C, F Major and B Minor, Chromaticism, basic ear training and improvisation/ composition</p> <p><u>Rhythm:</u> Beginning level rhythm combinations including eighth notes and slur patterns, whole notes,</p>

