

# LCHS Instrumental Music

## 9-12 Advanced Orchestra 2019-2020

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### **General Information**

Welcome to Orchestra! It's going to be a fantastic year full of fun and learning new music and playing great concerts with your friends! To be successful in Orchestra, please keep three things in mind:

1. Come to class, everyday, on-time, prepared to play!
2. Come with a great attitude!
3. Do your best!

The 9-12 Orchestra will meet every morning at 7:30 am (Zero Period). This will require that you come to class by 7:20, at the latest, so that you can be in your seat with instrument, music and pencil, ready to play at 7:30. Attendance at all performances is mandatory. We have many exciting and enjoyable performances throughout the year! Any questions about Orchestra can be directed to Mrs. Munday by email at [jmunday@lcsd.net](mailto:jmunday@lcsd.net).

### **Contributions and Rentals**

Orchestra Registration, Transportation, Winter Retreat and Instrument Rental forms, contributions and donations are listed in the online Orchestra Registration form. This form can be found at [lchs.org](http://lchs.org) under Forms and Information. These monies can be paid with Paypal or check.

### **Auditions/Juries (finals)**

Auditions/juries for seating will be held during the last three weeks of school of the prior school year. Please prepare a 2-3 octave scale and piece of your choice, according to the appropriate competency level, for the audition/jury. At this audition/jury, you are expected to play a more difficult scale and a different piece than you played at your previous seating audition/jury. There are four competency levels for each instrument, and I expect each member of the Orchestra to use these as goals to improve their playing throughout their time in Orchestra. At the end of the first semester, each Orchestra member will be required to play a scale, one level above your current competency level, for your jury. Each jury (final), both semesters, will be worth 100 points.

I reserve the right to re-seat people during the year, based on their performance, participation or attitude.

### **Dates to Remember**

Wednesday, October 30	7-12 Fall String Orchestra Concert	7:00 pm	LCHS
TBD	Elementary Tour	All Day	
Thursday, December 12	9-12 Band and Orchestra Winter Spectacular	7:00 pm	LCHS
Disneyland Trip		TBD	
Wednesday, January 22	Concerto Auditions	3:00 pm	TBA
January 24-26	Winter Retreat	After School	Ang. Cr.
Saturday, February 1	Dinner Show	TBD(7:00 pm)	LCCC
Wednesday, March 18	7-12 String Festival Concert	7:00 pm	LCHS
Friday, March 20	Band and Orchestra Festival		LCHS
Sat. April 4-Wed. April 8	Instrumental Music NYC tour		
Friday, May 1	Concerto Concert Dress Rehearsal	5:00-8:00 pm	LCHS
Saturday, May 2	Concerto Concert	7:00 pm	LCHS
Tuesday, May 12	Instrumental Pops Concert		LCHS
Tuesday, May 19	Orchestra Awards	7:00-8:00 pm	LCHS

## Grading

All students will be graded under the following guidelines:

- Participation/Attendance 40%
- Preparedness 30%
- Performances 30%

Participation---Includes: Attendance, Attitude, Improvement, and Rehearsal Etiquette

---Late (not ready to play at 7:30 am)= -0.5 points

---Absence (any absence)= -1.0 points

---Cell phone usage or reading during class= -4.0 points

Preparedness---Being prepared to play, on time, with instrument, music and pencil; knowing your part. Occasional assignments

Performance (Performances, Master Classes, Recitals, etc.)---mandatory

**Grade Scale** – A traditional plus/minus grading scale will be used;

A+: 100-98, A: 97-93, A-: 92-90 B+: 89-88 B: 87-83 B-: 82-80 C+: 79-78 C: 77-73 C-: 72-70

D+: 69-68 D: 67-63 D-: 62-60 F: 59 and under

**Citizenship** – Students will be graded in this area on Attendance, Preparedness and Respect for all students and teacher.

## Music Parents

It is impossible for the music program to be successful without the support and help of the Music Parents. There are jobs for all levels of commitment and abilities, and we appreciate everyone who helps make the La Cañada High School Music Program successful. It is important to have Orchestra parent representation! Thank you for your help and support, we could not do it without you. Please contact me at [jmunday@lcsd.net](mailto:jmunday@lcsd.net) for information about the MPA (Music Parents Association).

## Forms

Orchestra Registration Form--fill out online

Orchestra Syllabus Agreement--print out, sign the third page and return to Orchestra

Field Trip/Transportation Permission Slip--complete, print, sign, and return to Orchestra

On the third page of the Field Trip/Transportation Permission Slip, only mark "yes" if you want school staff to administer any type of medication. **You only need a physician's signature if you mark "yes."** If you mark "no", only fill out section 1, and no physician's signature is necessary.

Forms are available in your parents' Constant Contact email and also on the Instrumental Music website, [lchsmusic.org](http://lchsmusic.org)

FRIDAY, September 6 -- ALL FORMS DUE

*LCHS Orchestra Syllabus Agreement Form*

Student name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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I have read, understand, and will adhere to the attendance/grading policies of the LCHS Orchestra.

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Student signature Date Parent/Guardian signature Date

*Behavior Contract School Year 2019-2020*

**STUDENT**

I agree to conduct myself on the trip (or any activity) in such a way that I will bring honor to school, my community and myself. I furthermore agree to obey at all times on the trip (or during any activity) the code of conduct, instructions of the leaders, chaperones or others in authority, and the policies, laws, and regulations of the La Cañada Unified School District, other school districts, colleges, hotels, conveyances, and facilities visited on the trip (or activity). **I recognize that any serious violation of rules of conduct may result in my removal from the trip (or activity) at an additional cost to my parents or myself. I further understand and agree that any additional costs to the trip (or activity) caused by my conduct, behavior, etc., must be paid back to the music parents within 15 days after returning home from the trip (or activity).** I also understand that as a result of any misconduct by me, further disciplinary action may be taken by the La Cañada Unified School District and/or the La Cañada High School staff at the conclusion of this trip (or activity) if necessary.

I will accept the authority of the Director, the staff, and chaperones on this trip (or activity) and will abide by all decisions they have made and might have to make during the trip and/or activity.

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Signature of Student Date

**PARENTS/GUARDIAN**

I have read the above Student Agreement and have discussed it with my son/daughter to make certain he/she understands the importance of proper behavior and the great responsibility of the director, the staff and chaperones to see that everything goes well and safely.

I agree with and support the aforementioned rules and agreements.

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Signature of Parent/Guardian