

BROWNSBURG HIGH SCHOOL Orchestra Handbook 2019-2020

COMMUNICATION If you have a question, please check here first.

- 1) Check the website. www.brownsburgbands.com/orchestra
- 2) Remind 101. To receive reminders via text, sign up for your orchestra reminders.

Brownsburg Symphony Orchestra: text @afe973 to 81010

Philharmonic: text @6h86ed to 81010

Freshmen Orchestra: text @e2af3d to 81010

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ENSEMBLES:

Brownsburg Symphony Orchestra (BSO) – Most advanced orchestra. Class meets during and after school. Students combine with band once a week during spring semester to form a full orchestra. Juniors and Seniors who take this course earn weighted credit and are expected to participate in ISSMA solo/ensemble contest and/or the Brownsburg Chamber Concert.

Philharmonic Orchestra- Intermediate level orchestra for grades 10-12. Class meets during school.

Freshmen Orchestra- All freshmen strings. Class meets during school.

Jazz/Fusion Group- meets Thursdays after school 3-4pm.

Chamber Groups- meet various days of the week, most groups choose Friday 3-4pm.

Pit Orchestra: depending on the drama department needs, some students may be involved with musical rehearsals. Information will be given for this in class.

Honor Ensembles Students are encouraged to audition for honor ensembles such as the Indianapolis Symphony Side by Side Program, and IMEA All State Orchestra.

BROWNSBURG ORCHESTRAS SCHEDULE

*- indicates BSO only. BSO rehearsals are from 5pm-7:30pm rehearsal unless otherwise indicated.

Oct 1 Rehearsal 6:30-9:00 @ Connection Pointe 1800 N Green St, Brownsburg, IN 46112

Oct 3 Concert @ Connection Pointe 6:30-7:30

Dec 9 Rehearsal @ East Middle School 7pm

Dec 10 Concert @ East Middle School 7pm

*Dec 12th (3pm-5:30pm) full orchestra reading session

*Dec 19th (3pm-5:30pm) full orchestra reading session

*Jan 9

*Jan 13

*Jan 21

*Jan 27

Jan 29 Chamber Concert (optional, but required BSO students not participating in solo/ensemble)

*Feb 3

Feb 8 Solo/Ensemble contest

*Feb 10

*Feb 18

Feb 22 State Solo/Ensemble contest (for those who earn a Gold in group 1)

*Feb 24 (3pm-5:30pm)

*Mar 2

*Mar 5 (3pm-5:30)

Mar 9 dress rehearsal

Mar 11 Concert @ BHS

*Mar 16 (strings normal time, winds start at 5:30)

***Mar 18 Lawrence Central Performance afternoon/evening field trip**

*Mar 19 (3pm-5:30)

*Apr 6

*Apr 13

Apr 17/18 ISSMA Performance (Philharmonic and Freshmen only)

*Apr 20

*Apr 27 (3-6pm)

*Apr 28 (3-5)

***Apr 29 Concert @ BHS (WIND ENSEMBLE, BSO and CHOIR)**

*Apr 30 (6-7:30)

***May 1/2 ISSMA QUALIFICATIONS**

*May 4

*May 5 (3-5:30)

*May 7

*May 8 (3-5:30)

May 13th STRING FEVER SET UP

May 17th STRING FEVER @ BHS

May 18th Orchestra Awards at East cafetorium

PRIVATE LESSONS are strongly encouraged. Talk to the director about setting this up. Our goal this year is to have 35% or more of orchestra students taking weekly private lessons. Each Private lesson will add a bonus point to a student's grade!

GRADES

All Orchestras are performing groups. Students are required to attend all Performances & Rehearsals.

25% Class rehearsal participation 25% After school rehearsal participation

25% Performances 25% Playing Tests/Quizzes

Students may retake playing or routine exams multiple times. We are looking for mastery!

If a student misses a rehearsal or performance, a make-up assignment will be required at the director's discretion.

Bonus Credit: Students can earn extra credit toward their final grade by: taking private lessons, performing in non-curricular musical activities, attending professional concerts, and other related activities. Talk to the director during the last week of the grading period to enter this information in the grade book. Documentation may be required. Students can earn up to 20 bonus points.

CLASSROOM RULES

Only 2 rules.....

1. Come to class prepared. (this means you practiced your music, your instrument is in tune, your bow is in good shape, you have a pencil, a folder etc.)
2. Stay on task

DRESS CODE

The audience wants to focus on the music, not the fashion. We want to look uniform and professional. Individual fashion statements distract from the music, so avoid them during performances. Distractive jewelry, unnatural hair color can be great in many situations, but not an orchestra performance. Left hand fingernails need to be tightly trimmed all the time.

The Brownsburg Band and Orchestra Parents Organization provides and maintains a uniform inventory for orchestra students. Students provide their own white t-shirts, black shoes, and long socks that are black. This formal wear is consistent with standard professional concert clothing.

EQUIPMENT

Brownsburg owns a classroom set of large instruments to avoid hauling your instrument back and forth from home to school. Everyone should have their own instrument to practice at home. The week of a concert, cellists and bassists are asked to bring their own instruments in for rehearsals to be sure everything is working correctly. Paige's music can collect instruments in need of repair weekly.

You will need to replace your strings at least once a year or more. You should re-hair your bow at least one time during high school and perhaps more times for the really advanced players.

Be prepared to own your own instrument accessories if you do not already. Rosin, Rock Stops, Mutes, Tuners. Etc.

AWARDS

To earn an orchestra letter, a student must complete 6 or more participation credits. Each semester of orchestra class counts as 1 credit. Spring semester of symphony orchestra counts as 1 additional credit. Each school musical you play in counts as 1 credit. Each honor group you perform with counts as 1 credit per group per year. An Awards night honors the top orchestra members near the end of the school year.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. Every student is required to participate in “Fair Share.” Students who do not do their fair share will not receive their AWARDS, get your cap and gown, or participate in MAJOR Orchestra TRIPS.

2. For every dollar a student makes for their personal credit account, an equal amount goes toward the Band and Orchestra Parents’ Fair Share Program.

3. Orchestra Fees

Fair Share \$85 helps pay for sectionals, awards and other activity costs

Uniform Fee \$25 helps maintain the uniform inventory

Transportation fee \$20 covers transportation to contests.

Total \$130 Due March 1st or Early Pay Discount \$120 if paid by Oct 1

4. **How to pay.** Make the check out to “BBOP” and give to Angie Boyer.

5. Extra money over the required fair share amount of \$ will carry over from year to year. Letters will be sent out at different times giving each family the amount due toward their Fair Share/transportation fee. Fair Share has been a very successful program since it was instituted. It is understood that by participation all families will fully participate in the Fair Share Program.

6. Scrip Program: This fundraiser is yearlong and families have raised significant amounts of funds towards their student’s fees. Other fundraisers will be announced throughout the school year.

B.B.O.P.

PARENTS....THIS IS YOU ☺

Parent volunteers are much appreciated to help with fundraising, uniforms, chaperoning and more. BBOP -Brownsburg Band and **Orchestra Parents** -is a non profit 501c3 Organization that supports these programs and you are encouraged to fully participate. Volunteer Web Address: www.Signupschedule.com/bbop

BBOP meeting dates: 8/22 9/19 11/21 1/16 2/20 3/19 4/16 5/21

2019-2020 ORCHESTRA RECORD KEEPING (will be kept on file for one year only)

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please return by August 9, 2019)

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parent Contact # _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

(If parent last name is different, please include)

Parent's E Mail _____

Both my student and I have read and understand the rules and regulations for membership of the Brownsburg High School Orchestra Program. They have my permission to participate in this elective which requires attendance outside of the normal school day. The student agrees and I affirm that they will abide by the provisions stated in this syllabus/handbook. The student and I understand that while participating in a school-sponsored event, school policy guidelines will be enforced.

The Brownsburg Fine Arts Department desires to help students display their talents in the public arena through publications, video, art display, and other media means. The student's talent, work and/or information may be released in the following manner:

Various forms of print and electronic media throughout the course of the upcoming school year.

I have read through the Orchestra Handbook and understand all the rules and information outlined in this document.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Please fill out page at home & return entire page by August 10 (Friday)

Brownsburg Orchestra MEDICAL FORM (confidential, to be used only in emergency)

I give permission for my child _____

to have medical treatment during band events from August 1, 2018 to June 1, 2019.

Signed _____

Parents' Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Insurance Number _____ Insurance Company _____

Important Medical Info _____

PERMANENT FIELD TRIP PERMITS 2018-2019

I give permission for _____ to go on Field Trips &/or travel with the Brownsburg HS Band/Orchestra during the 2018-2019 school year. These trips will be properly supervised by school personnel. Information concerning all trips will be sent home with the students or sent in an e mail (if you are a part of the Orchestra Group E Mails.) prior to all events.

Student's Signature

Parent's Signature

RULES

I, _____, understand and wish to participate in the Brownsburg orchestra program. I also understand that I must follow and abide by all rules that govern Brownsburg High School. If I fail to abide by these rules, I understand I will have to face consequences for my actions.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

I, _____, understand and give my permission for my student to participate in the Brownsburg Band Program. I understand all rules governing this organization and will support these rules.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____