

BHS Orchestra Handbook 2021-2022

COMMUNICATION

- 1) Check the website. www.brownsburgbands.com/orchestra
- 2) Remind 101. To receive reminders via text, sign up for your orchestra reminders. Text your code to the number 81010

Brownsburg Symphony Orchestra: 11-12 graders: @97e3g443b4

BSO (Advanced Orchestra): 10th graders: @8ha7779f63

Philharmonic(Intermediate Orchestra): 10-12 graders: @hfda6e7948

Freshmen (Concerto) Orchestra: @da836g446b

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ORCHESTRA COURSES:

Freshmen(Concerto) Orchestra- All freshmen strings. Class meets during school. Performances outside of school hours several times throughout the school year. Advanced freshmen students may be asked to perform with the older students at concerts.

Philharmonic Orchestra- Intermediate level orchestra for grades 10-12. Class meets during school. Performances outside of school hours several times throughout the school year.

Brownsburg Symphony Orchestra (BSO) – Most advanced orchestra. Class meets during and after school. Students combine with wind/percussion students at least once a week after school from November-May 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.

Chamber/Jazz/Other Groups- meets after school. Schedule to be announced

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 2021-22 updated 10/8/21

(*indicates BSO rehearsal from 5-7:30pm)

Tue. 10/5 CONCERT ALL BHS ORCHESTRAS

*Thur. 12/2

*Thur 12/9

* Fri 12/10 3-4:30pm with piano soloist

Tue 12/14

Wed 12/15 CONCERT ALL BHS ORCHESTRAS

*Thur. 1/6

*Mon 1/10

*Tue 1/18

*Mon 1/24

Wed 1/26 Chamber Concert

*Mon 1/31

Wed 2/2 Honors Recital

Sat 2/5 ISSMA Solo and Ensemble

*Mon 2/7

*Mon 2/14

Sat 2/19 ISSMA State Solo and Ensemble

*Tue 2/22

*Mon 2/28

*Mon 3/7

Tue 3/8 CONCERT ALL BHS ORCHESTRAS

*Mon 3/14

Wed 3/16 Lawrence Central Invitational (field trip afternoon and evening)

*Thur 3/17

*Mon 4/4

*Mon 4/11

*Mon 4/18

Fri 4/22 or Sat 4/23 ISSMA Organizational Contest (Philharmonic and Freshmen only)

*Mon 4/25

*Tue 4/26 tentative time

Wed 4/27 Concert BSO only (along with Advanced Band and Advanced Choir)

*Thur 4/28 tentative time

Fri 4/29 or Sat 4/30 ISSMA Qualifications performance. BSO only.

*Mon 5/2 Tue 5/3 Thur 5/5 Fri 5/6 State finals rehearsals. Times TBA

Sat. 5/7 ISSMA State Finals Performance BSO

Wed 5/11 String Fever rehearsal after school/evening All BHS Orchestras

Sun 5/15 String Fever performance All BHS Orchestras 4pm.

Mon 5/16 ORCHESTRA AWARDS NIGHT 6pm.
ALL BHS ORCHESTRAS

PRIVATE LESSONS are strongly encouraged. Email Ghauger@brownsburg.k12.in.us to set this up. Each Private lesson will add a bonus point to a student's grade. Most of the students in the BSO have taken or are taking privately.

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

All Students should buy the music tuning smart phone app called TONAL ENERGY.

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

At the end of each school year, we have an orchestra awards night to celebrate the year and present awards to many of our top students. All students are eligible for an orchestra letter for their letter jacket. To earn an orchestra letter, a student must complete 6 or more participation credits and up to date with their fair share account. 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.

Please fill out how you earned each credit and return this page to the director.

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

6 _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Every performing arts student is required to participate in “Fair Share.” Students who do not do their fair share will not receive their end of year awards, get your cap and gown, or participate in Orchestra performances.

Orchestra Fees

Annual fair share is \$130 that can be paid by check or participation in our fundraisers that will be announced throughout the year. This money helps pay for sectionals, awards, transportation, contest entry, guest clinicians, uniform care, and uniform inventory maintenance. We want to stay competitive with the other area schools in keeping fees low so we offer many fundraising opportunities through the year.

How to pay. Make the check out to “BBOP” and turn in to Angie Boyer in the performing arts office. Cash is ok, but check is preferred. At this time we are not accepting credit cards due to the high fees.

If your student fundraises more than the required fair share amount, this will carry over from year to year and can be applied to special trips, private lessons, instrument accessories, etc. Letters will be sent out at different times giving each family the amount due toward their Fair Share fee. Fair Share has been a very successful program since it was instituted.

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.

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 meetings are at 7:30pm in the BHS band room.

Meeting dates are: 8/26, 9/16, 11/18, 1/20, 2/17, 3/10, 4/21, 5/19

2021-2022 ORCHESTRA RECORD KEEPING

STUDENT INFORMATION (Please return by the end of the first full week of school)

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.

PERMANENT FIELD TRIP PERMITS 2021-2022

I give permission for _____ to go on Field Trips &/or travel with the Brownsburg HS Band/Orchestra during the 2021-2022 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.

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 _____

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, 2021 to June 1, 2022.

Signed _____

Parents' Name(s) _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Insurance Number _____ Insurance Company _____

Important Medical Info _____
