

Hadley Junior High School Orchestra Handbook



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Welcome to the Hadley Junior High School Orchestra program!

This orchestra handbook has been designed as a guide for our musicians and their families. Please read the handbook together as a family and keep it in a convenient place for reference. If you have any questions throughout the year, please feel free to call or e-mail Ms. Alemis. I hope all our new and returning musicians have a wonderful musical year!

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"I would like to teach children music, physics, and philosophy;
but most importantly music, for in the
patterns of music and all the arts are the keys to learning." ~ Plato

Hadley Orchestras:

Instruments → Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass

6th Grade Orchestra → 6th grade students.

7th Grade Orchestra → 7th grade students.

Hadley Strings → 7th/8th grade students.

6th Grade & 7th Orchestra Grade Expectations

- Attend all lessons and arrive on time with instrument, music and pencil.
- Practice at home on a regular basis
- Perform at all concerts and rehearsals. If there is a conflict with any rehearsal or concert, please contact the director by email or phone a month ahead of time and discuss the situation. This allows the director to adjust a seating arrangement or the director can assist in finding a way for your child to make the rehearsal or concert by brainstorming the situation.

7th/8th Grade Hadley String Orchestra Expectations

Communication is extremely important with the orchestra director

- Arrive on time and be prepared with instrument, music and pencil.
- Practice at home on a regular basis.
- *Once a week before-school sectionals will be on Mondays for Violins, Wednesdays for Violas, and Fridays for cello/basses. Rehearsal and sectional time is from 7:20am-8:15ish am in Pod D. More details will be given at a later date when full string orchestra rehearsals will begin. In the fall, there will be a few full rehearsals right before the concert that will be held before school.*
- The faculty at Hadley offers many activities and review sessions before and after school. Please make sure that you keep all Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays available for the orchestra sectionals/rehearsals. According to certain academic situations, exceptions will be made at the discretion of the orchestra director upon communication with the parent and possibly with the academic teacher to figure out a scheduling solution.
- If your child cannot attend a morning rehearsal due to a school absence, please email Ms. Alemis.
- If a child is in a sport that conflicts with the orchestra schedule, there must be a discussion between the parent, coach and Ms. Alemis to figure out a scheduling solution.
- Perform at all concerts and competitions. If there is a conflict with any concert or competition, please contact Ms. Alemis by email or phone a month ahead of time and discuss the situation. This will allow Ms. Alemis to adjust a seating arrangement or the director can assist in finding a way for your child to make the concert or competition by brainstorming the situation.
- A student must be prepared to perform at all district and state competitions. If it appears that a student may not be prepared to perform at a competition, the director will contact the family to discuss the situation. In rare instances, a child who isn't prepared may not be able to perform.

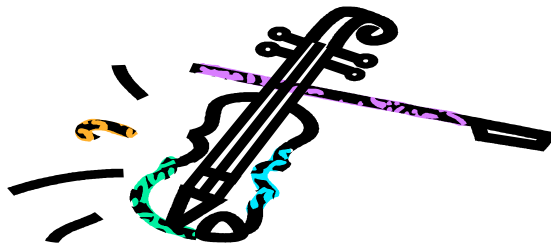
Orchestra Attendance Requirements

6th Grade & 7th Grade Orchestras

1. Students in the orchestra are grouped by grade level during the school day. Students will be meeting for orchestra lessons during the school day and not be pulled out of academic classes. Students will be in large groups mixed with four to five different instruments. As with other classes, students will be given a grade at the end of each quarter.
2. One after school rehearsal before each concert.
3. Two district concerts; one fall and one spring.

Hadley String Orchestra

1. Students in the orchestra are grouped by grade level during the school day. Students will be meeting for orchestra lessons during the school day and not be pulled out of academic classes. Students in orchestra will be in large groups mixed with four to five different instruments. As with other classes, students will be given a grade at the end of each quarter.
2. One weekly small group sectional lesson before school and three weekly full orchestra rehearsals that meet before school- before each concert.
3. Two district concerts; one Fall and one Spring.
4. IGSMA organizational contests- district and state.
5. Additional performances at Hadley throughout the year for junior high students.



***“Practice doesn’t make perfect,
perfect practice makes perfect.”***

~ Vince Lombardi (former Greenbay Packers coach)

Concert Dress

- White long sleeved, button down shirt with collar
- Black dress pants
- Black socks
- Black dress shoes (no gym shoes!)

Music Education Foundation

All orchestra families are cordially invited to join. The Music Education Foundation supports all music programs in District 41 by helping with expensive instrument and equipment purchases, providing scholarships and funds for our *Summer Music Grants* and the *Bass Scholarships* program, and providing volunteers to help with various musical functions in the district. For more information please contact TBA.

Your support and your child's success in practice

Music achievement requires effort over a period of time. The time in orchestra lessons is limited. New concepts learned at school need daily personal practice time by your child at home in order for these new skills to be developed. You can help your child by:

At home:

- Show your child that you are interested in what they are learning on their instrument.
- Help your child establish a practice routine, provide a regular time and place to practice.
- Remaining nearby during practice times as often as possible.
- Have your child play for you and others.
- Keep the instrument and music in good condition. Extreme temperature and dryness can crack the wood.
 - Do not keep instrument in a car for extreme amounts of time
 - Do not keep instrument near heating vents, windows, doorways or air conditioners
- Provide opportunities for your child to hear and see others perform through live performances, TV, recordings, radio.
- Praise your child and be patient, learning is a continuous process that takes time.

At school:

- Teach your child the importance of being prepared and on time for rehearsals and performances. The orchestra is a team and all members rely on each other.
- Attend all of your child's performances.
- Please communicate with your child's teacher when necessary.

Orchestra Schedule 2019-20

Please check to see which orchestra your child is in and note the applicable dates in your family calendar.

Event	Date	Time	Orchestras	Location
String Fest	Thursday, October 17	7:30pm	Hadley Strings	Glenbard West Beister Gym
Fall after school rehearsal	Monday, November 4	3:35pm to 4:35pm	6 th grade	Hadley Auditorium
Fall after school rehearsal	Tuesday, November 5	3:35pm to 4:35pm	7 th grade	Hadley Orchestra Room
District Fall Concert	Friday, November 8	7:00pm, arrive at 6:15pm	6 th , 7 th & 8 th grades	Hadley Junior High School Gym A
IGSMA District Contest	Saturday March 14 or 21	TBA	Hadley Strings	TBA
Spring after school rehearsal	Thursday, April 16	<i>3:35pm to 4:35pm</i>	6 th Grade Orchestra	Hadley Auditorium
Spring after school rehearsal	Monday, April 20	<i>3:35pm to 4:35pm</i>	7 th Grade Orchestra	Hadley Orchestra Room
District Spring Concert	Tuesday, April 21	7:00pm, arrive at 6:15pm	6 th , 7 th & 8 th grades	Hadley Junior High School Gym A
IGSMA State Contest	Saturday, April 25	TBA	Hadley Strings	TBA
Demonstration Concert for 4th graders	TBA	During the school day	Hadley Strings	Hadley Junior High School

“Passion is one great force that unleashes creativity, because if you’re passionate about something, then you’re more willing to take risks.”

~ Yo-Yo Ma, Professional cellist

General Supply List

- Instrument of the appropriate size
- Music Book:
For 6th, 7th, 8th Grades, sheet music and scales will be provided for in class use.
- Folding music stand for home practice, concert rehearsals and concerts
- Pencil
- Rosin
- Soft small cloth (for cleaning rosin off instrument)
- Strings (extra set of strings kept in the case for junior high students and those who own their own instrument)
- Name tag on instrument (name written on book, folding stand parts)
- Tuner/Metronome- (Korg TM 30 is suggested)

Violinists and Violists

- Shoulder rest (Kun is suggested for violin/viola)
Comes in various sizes- please ask Mrs. Alemis

Cellists and Bassists

- Either cello belt stop-pin or rock stop



Purchasing an Instrument

Generally, we do not recommend purchasing an instrument until your child has reached a full size instrument. When that time comes, we highly recommend that you have your child's orchestra teacher or private teacher help in trying out instruments. This will be a significant purchase and you will probably want some guidance into buying the appropriate instrument for your child.

The music stores listed below offer quality student and professional level instruments that you may want to consider when you are ready for purchasing an instrument.

Kagan & Gaines Music Co.	7655 W. Roosevelt Road Forest Park, IL 60130 (708) 771-2152
Kenneth Stein	3 South Park Avenue Lombard, IL 60148 (630) 705-9193
A440	2222 West Roscoe Street Chicago, IL 60618 (773) 348-4949
Michael Becker	28 3rd Street Park Ridge, IL 60068 (847) 823-5490
Seman Violins Inc	4504 Oakton Street Skokie, IL 60076 (847) 674-0690



Original Sheet Music

All Hadley Students

All original parts need to be returned to your director at the end of each concert. You may only write in pencil in your part. Please be careful with your music. If you lose or destroy a part, it is your responsibility to purchase and order a new part. Certain parts may take months to be delivered. You must give the exact title, composer and arranger of the music to order it.

Parts can be ordered through:

J.W. Pepper & So, Inc.	(800)345-6296 <i>Toll free</i>
Quinlan and Fabish Music	(630)654-4111

