

# DODGEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Syllabus 1st Semester

**Course Title:** 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra      **Email:** [Ashley.culley@cobbk12.org](mailto:Ashley.culley@cobbk12.org) [Evelyn.champion@cobbk12.org](mailto:Evelyn.champion@cobbk12.org)

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### **Georgia Standards of Excellence for Orchestra:**

<https://www.georgiastandards.org/Georgia-Standards/Documents/K-12-Music-Georgia-Standards.pdf>

Cobb Teaching and Learning Framework can be accessed through CTLS.

### **Topics of Study:**

#### **Bow Technique/Position**

**Two Octave Major scales/arpeggios up to 3 sharps and 3 flats**

#### **Dynamic Levels**

#### **Vibrato**

#### **Rhythmic and Sight-Reading Skills**

#### **Music Theory and Ear Training**

### **Resources:**

1. **Habits of a Successful Middle Level String Musician(Selby and Rush)**

### **Grading Policy:**

50% Participation

1. Be prepared for class
2. Uses time wisely
3. Participates in class, rehearsals and performances

30% Performance Tests

20% Written work(theory, quizzes, worksheets)

\*\*\*Refer to the Dodgen Orchestra Handbook found on the orchestra website for a detailed explanation of grading policies.

### **Supplies: Instrument, bow, shoulder rests(for violins and violas), rosin, pencil and method book**

**Expectations:** Students will be reviewing basic skills necessary for string performance. They will begin to look more in depth into the detailed workings of a string orchestra and continue the study of intermediate string techniques and begin to work on more advanced string techniques.

**Make-Up Work Policy:** Any missing assignments must be completed within one week of return to school.

**BYOD Policy:** Electronic devices should remain in book bags/lockers unless teacher has specifically asked to bring it for instructional purposes.