

DODGEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Syllabus 1st Semester

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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 (Method Book)

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

Grading Policy:

50% Participation

1. 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 the teacher has specifically asked to bring it for instructional purposes.