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Overview	The Johnson City Schools Orchestra Program exists to inspire students through excellence in music education while developing the character, confidence, and discipline needed for lifelong success. We believe every student deserves the opportunity to experience the joy of making music regardless of previous experience or ability level.
Method Book	Habits of a Successful Young String Musician Book 1 (6h grade Habits of a Successful Young String Musician Book 2 7 th /8 th grade)
Materials	Everyday orchestra students need to bring the following materials: August 8th @ ITMS is Material Pick Up Day – A flyer will be sent home with student on first day of school. • Instrument (except cello/bass players) 6th grade violin and viola players may rent a school owned instrument for a \$35.00 fee. Please give that fee to the orchestra teacher – not your students homebase fee. • Habits of a Successful Young String Musician Bk 1 (6th Grade) • Habits of a Successful Young String Musician Bk 2 (7th/8th Grade) • 3 ring binder or folder • Music • Shoulder Rest (violin/viola specific) • Rosin • Rock Stop (cello/bass specific). • A positive attitude ready for learning
Grading Policy	Orchestra is one of the most enjoyable classes to earn an A! Grades are based on: 50% • Playing tests • Performance assessments • Homework 50% • Daily participation • Preparation • Rehearsal skills Students who come prepared, participate, practice regularly, and attend performances are usually very successful.

Concert Attire	Our orchestra looks its best when everyone dresses professionally. When we perform, we represent not only ourselves but also our school and our community. Wearing a consistent concert uniform allows the audience to focus on our music while helping us present ourselves with pride and professionalism. Students should wear: • White dress shirt or blouse • Black pants, skirt, or dress • Black socks or tights • Black dress shoes Please avoid visible logos or bright colors. Concert attire should follow school dress code expectations. Unacceptable Clothing: sweatpants, yoga or athletic pants, sneakers, sandals.
Concert Performances	August • 8 ITMS & LBMS Meeting & Materials Day from 9 am til noon @ ITMS Auditorium (flyer was sent home about this event) September • 24 ITMS Concert 7 pm • 28 LBMS Concert 7 pm December • 7 LBMS Concert 7 pm • 10 ITMS Concert 7 pm March • 8 LBMS 6th/7th Concert • 9 ITMS 6th/7th Concert May • 10 LBMS Concert • 13 ITMS Concert
Communication with Parents	Parents will be emailed weekly/monthly newsletters from the “Smores Newsletter” app. This is legitimate and not spam please open it and read what is going on in Orchestra. We will communicate through our orchestra website, facebook, instgram, cuttime and parent square. The majority of my communications will be sent via computer.
JCSOG Website	https://johnsoncityschoolsorchestra.com/