

Weekly Lessons and Orchestra Rehearsals

Each student is assigned to a lesson group that, in general, is comprised of like instruments and remains on the same day of the week throughout the school year. Lessons are 30 minutes in length. At all buildings, lessons are usually taught on a rotating schedule so that students will not miss the same class each week.

Students are provided with their own copy of the lesson schedule, and are expected to check it each week. **It is the student's responsibility to be on time to lessons, not the instrumental or classroom teacher's responsibility.** It would be helpful for you to review the lesson time with your child before school each day that they have a lesson. **Students are responsible for making up all classwork missed during lesson times.**

Weekly orchestra rehearsals are also a part of the elementary instrumental curriculum and participation in orchestra is required of all students in the program. Rehearsals occur once a week either before or after school. These rehearsals are in addition to weekly lessons.



What to Bring to Lessons and Orchestra

1. Your instrument.
2. Your lesson book.
3. Your orchestra music.
4. Any homework that was assigned.

*Students should come to their lesson even if they are missing any or all of the above items.

What is Expected at Lessons and Orchestra

1. **BE ON TIME!**

Time is wasted, not only for the latecomer, but also for the other students in the group who must help locate and/or wait for latecomers to arrive.

2. **BE PREPARED!**

Have all of the required items at each practice.
(See the list above for a reminder.)

3. **HAVE ASSIGNMENTS READY!**

Lessons and orchestra are more fun when the given assignments have been practiced and the new musical symbols have been learned. Then, we can get on to learning new material!

4. **SHOW GOOD EFFORT!**

Everyone develops at different rates, but little improvement will be made without some work on the part of the student. A solid work ethic is more important than how far you get in the lesson book.