

Student Supplies

Students are expected to have the items below by September 11th and on every day of class thereafter.

A working instrument and bow
1-inch, 3-ring binder with the student's name on the cover and spine
Apx. 10 sheets of regular lined paper
Rosin

Contacting Mr. Jones

Webpage: <http://AdamsMiddleSchoolOrchestra.weebly.com>

Email is absolutely the most effective way to contact me. **JonesC@GuilfordSchools.org**

Office Hours I can often meet during team meeting first period or last period of the day.

Grading Policy

22% Etiquette, respect and teamwork
25% Technical progress and performance
15% Responsible Participation
10% Written Work
15% Preparation of instrument
10% Music/Binder Checks
3% Civic Contributions

Grading is based roughly on the above rubric, though it may differ slightly between quarters based on concert schedule and classwork. Following is a description of each category.

Classroom and Rehearsal Etiquette

This refers to the student's effort to make the orchestra classroom a productive learning environment for himself/herself and others

Technical progress is based on both standards to be met and individual progress

Responsible Participation

Students are expected to manage their schedules and communicate anticipated absences work through schedule conflicts with Orchestra events, including performances, well in advance of the event. Advance planning is crucial for planning logistics of the rest of the group as well as a life skill that students are building in orchestra. Further, it is the responsibility of the student to manage and plan their concert attire.

Instrument Care

Students are expected to keep their instrument in working order and be responsible for making repairs in a timely fashion. Students are responsible for storing and handling their instrument in a way that is safe and considerate of others. Students using school instruments are responsible for the safety of their instrument.

Music/Binder Checks

Students are expected to keep track of the music black 3-ring binder that is in good condition. After the initial check in September, students are expected to have their own music with them every day in their orchestra binder.

Civic Contributions

One leader can't make a group. It takes effort from everyone involved. This just playing isn't enough.... Civic Contributions is 3% of the final grade and makes the distinction between an A and an A+ for most students. If a student does not choose to contribute then this shows up as an F, rather than empty. The intention is for students to realize that they have the choice to contribute more than is required of them, and recognize their extra effort. Mr. Jones does not assign jobs, students are responsible for searching out the opportunities. The intention of this grading point is instill a habit of "going the extra mile" in whatever a person does.

Instrument Safety

The instrument cubbies have individual locks on them. Students are expected to properly lock their instruments inside during school hours. The cubby room is left open at the end of each school day so that students can participate in after-school activities then get their instruments.

Instruments are private property! Students are not allowed to borrow each other's instruments. This keeps instruments safe and avoids uncomfortable liability disputes in the case of damage. Using someone else's instrument results in a detention.

"Loaner" Instruments

The school has some instruments that have been purchased by the school or donated by our parent's group; PROS. These instruments are available for student use in the case of an emergency. They are also available to short-term loan in the case of a long term repair on a student's regular instrument. Instruments may also be available for students who have a financial need. Arrangements for a financial need situation may be made with Mr. Jones.



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Event Schedule

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sat, Sep 22	9-11am	Guilford Parade	Guilford Green
Tues, Dec 18	7pm	December Concert	GHS Auditorium
Wed, Dec 19	7pm	December Concert Snow Date	AMS Gym
Tues, Mar 26	3-7:30pm	Guilford Strings Festival	<u>GHS</u> Gym
Wed, May 15	7pm	May Concert	Adams Gym

Concert dress:

Gentlemen: black dress shoes, black socks, black pants, white button-up shirt, tie of your choice. (Mr. Jones prefers cool bow ties...)

Ladies: Black shoes or dress sandals, black dress pants (not Capri, not skirt) and a white blouse.

Concert and rehearsal attendance

Performance is part of the orchestra grade and concert attendance is mandatory. Please let sports coaches and activity leaders know of your commitment to orchestra well in advance. All Adams sports teams recognize that dress rehearsals and concerts are part of an academic class and will excuse the absence. If there seems to be a serious conflict, coaches are sometimes more amicable to a call from a teacher. I'm happy to make that call, just ask!

According to district health policy, students who are sick from school on the day of a concert or leave school early/sick may not attend a concert. (keep your germs to yourself and we'll miss you!) This absence from the concert is excused.

If you anticipate an absence from a concert please email Mr. Jones ASAP to explain.

Make-up assignments will be made available for excused absences with no grade penalty.

Make-up assignments may also be assigned for unexcused absences to earn back partial credit.