

Langley High School Orchestra

Syllabus

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I. Course Descriptions

Intermediate Orchestra

Grades: 9, 10 (Freshman, Sophomore sections)

Prerequisite: Attainment of beginning level skills and permission of instructor

Students continue developing as individual musicians and as members of a musical group. Emphasis is placed on the development of intermediate level technical and ensemble skills necessary for performance. Students must meet both the school day and outside of the school day participation requirements to receive credit for the course.

Advanced Orchestra

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12 (Symphonic, Senior, Philharmonic sections)

Prerequisite: Successful audition

Students in this course form the representative string performing group(s) for the school. Emphasis is placed on the sequential development of advanced technical, ensemble, and disciplinary skills necessary for refined rehearsal and performance both in and out of school. Based on successful completion of sequential concepts for each level, students will continue as specified in course level. Students must meet both the school day and outside of the school day participation requirements to receive credit for the course.

II FCPS Co-curricular Agreement

Many courses include participation requirements outside the regular school day. In order to receive credit for orchestra, students must be enrolled in the course and meet both the school-day and after-school requirements listed in the calendar of events.

III Link to Program of Study:

<http://www.fcps.edu/is/finearts/music.shtml>

IV. The Orchestras

Philharmonic (3rd Period)

- Membership is by Audition only, private instruction is necessary
- Competes Annually at the Grade VI Level at Orchestra Assessment
- Members are expected to represent LHS in District, Regional, and All-State events
- Often combines with members of the band for full orchestra projects

Senior (Symphonic) Orchestra (4th Period)

- For Seniors who have completed the symphonic class and by audition
- Competes at the Grade V level at Orchestra Assessment
- Often combines with Symphonic orchestra for performances

Symphonic Orchestra (6th Period)

- For juniors who have completed the intermediate class and by audition
- Competes at the Grade V level at Orchestra Assessment
- Often combines with Sinfonietta class for performance

Sophomore (Concert) Orchestra (5th Period)

- For sophomores who have completed the intermediate class
- Often combines with Freshmen class for performances (Concert Orchestra)

Freshman (Concert) Orchestra (7th Period)

- Membership is for freshmen beginning their exposure to high school orchestra
- Often combines with Sophomores for performances (Concert Orchestra)

V. **Materials: (Required)**

Instruments

- Students who play violin and viola will need an instrument of the correct size with bow case, and accessories (rosin, shoulder rest) for rehearsal and daily practice.
- Students who play cello and bass may rent a FCPS instrument for use in class, although they will need their own for practice and performance. In order to use the school instruments, you will need to provide a **\$50 check**, payable to Langley HS, and to fill out an **Instrument Rental Form** (available on the first day of class.)

Uniforms for performances

Formal performances:

Ladies: Dress, formal closed-toed shoes

Gentlemen: Tuxedo, bowtie, cummerbund, black socks, dress shoes

- Spirit-Wear for informal performances
 - Orchestra Polo shirt
 - Orchestra T-shirt
 - Dark Pants to wear with them (acquired on your own)

Please refer to orchestra website for links for more detailed information

VI. **Communication**

Website: www.langleyorchestra.org

Orchestra eNewsletter: Sign up for periodic updates by providing preferred email on agreement

Remind App: students may join to receive text reminders. Text “@langleyor” to 81010

Facebook & Instagram: students may join Social Media site (monitored by Tri-M officers).
Langley d’Orchestra on Facebook, @lnagleyorchdorks on Instagram

VII. Grading

Rehearsal participation 30% (2 times, 15 points each)

- Bring instrument and music to every rehearsal
- Be ready to start on time, stay on task, be respectful and do not disturb others
- Seek to improve with each repetition, mark suggestions in your part with a pencil
- Make a positive contribution to the rehearsal experience
- Cell phones are not tolerated during music-making -your grade reflects your attentiveness

Individual Performance Assessments 30% (2 times, 15 points each)

- Show evidence of preparation for quarterly playing tests (1-2)
- Perform excerpts with poise and confidence
- Demonstrate improvement in performance as the year progresses

Ensemble Performance Assessments 30% (rehearsal(s): 10, performance(s): 20)

- Be responsible with your schedule, identify conflicts in advance, find solutions
- Prompt attendance is required for dress rehearsals and concerts
- Wear proper concert attire to show respect for the audience
- Display appropriate concert behavior throughout the performance
- Lead the audience by example by modelling active listening and enthusiastic support
- Note that your responsibilities end when the concert finishes

Semester Project (10%) Due at the end of 2nd and 4th Quarter

The performance requirements must be met by the end of each semester. Students are required to complete one project that encourages their involvement in music outside the classroom. Students may choose from the following list of musical activities, but may not choose the same for both projects:

- Weekly Private lessons - submit form with teacher contact info, time of lesson, literature studied)
- Participation in an outside orchestra – AYP, McLean Youth, regular worship service
- Audition or participation at VBODA event (District, SRO, All-State, Solo & Ensemble)
- Concert Review (Langley group or involving string instruments – description and critique)
- Essay on a musical topic of interest (composer or musical reflection)
- Class presentation introducing literature being played
- Original composition
- Unique project of similar scope

Mid-Term/Final Exam Policy/Weight

- Concerts serve as exams

All grading will be based on a total points system. Grades will then be calculated using the FCPS grading policy as outlined here:

- A (93-100) = 4.0
- A- (90-92) = 3.7
- B+ (87-89) = 3.3
- B (83-86) = 3.0
- B- (80-82) = 2.7
- C+ (77-79) = 2.3
- C (73-76) = 2.0
- C- (70-72) = 1.7
- D+ (67-69) = 1.3
- D (64-66) = 1.0
- F (below 64) = 0.0

Sample Playing Test Rubric

Technique:	1	2	3	4	5
Intonation:	1	2	3	4	5
Rhythm:	1	2	3	4	5
Tone Quality:	1	2	3	4	5
Bowing Facility:	1	2	3	4	5
Musicianship:	1	2	3	4	5

5 – Clearly demonstrated

4 – Mostly demonstrated but lacking precision

3 – Showing basic understanding

2 – Weak, needing remediation needed

1 – Showing little evidence of preparation, remediation required

VI. Student Advocacy Protocol

At Langley High School, students will:

- take ownership of their education through active engagement in the orchestra
- monitor their gradebook, the orchestra website, Facebook group and Remind for information
- use an agenda or digital calendar to track rehearsals, performance obligations, assessments, and deadlines for documents
- communicate directly with the director before parent/teacher communication is initiated

Langley Orchestra Dates 2019-2020

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Status</u>
Thurs Aug 22	<i>Orchestra</i> Orientation	Orchestra Room	Optional
Sat Aug 24	Orchestra Kick-Off Party	McLean Park	Optional
Mon Sept 23	SRO Auditions	Justice HS	Optional
Sat Sept 28	Carwash	McLean BP	Optional
Tues, Oct 22	Fall Concert: Animals	Langley Auditorium	Required
Nov 7-9	SRO Event Oakton HS Optional	Fairfax HS	Optional
Tues, Nov 12	HSDO Auditions	Rocky Run MS	Optional
Wed, Nov 13	Side-by-Side with JMU	Langley Auditorium	Required*
Tues, Dec 10	Winter Concert: Water	Langley Auditorium	Required
Jan 10-11	HSDO Event	Langley HS	Optional
Sat, Feb 22	All-VA Auditions	JMU	Optional
Wed, Mar 11	Pyramid Concert	Langley Auditorium	Required
Mar 20-21*	District Assessment	Chantilly HS	Required*
April 16-20	Spring Trip	Philadelphia	Optional
April 23-25	All-State Event	Richmond, VA	Optional
Friday May 29	Spring Concert: Space	Langley Auditorium	Required
TBA	End of Year Banquet	TBA	

***Required for Philharmonic & Symphonic/Senior Sections only**

Student & Parent Acknowledgement Page

Student Name: _____

Orchestra Period: _____

Preferred parent email contact: _____
(for information and eNewsletter)

Parent cell phone: _____

Student cell phone: _____

Please review the orchestra syllabus and website and return signed form before **Fri, Sept 6th**

I have read and understand the following documents, policies, and procedures:

_____ Summary of course description and classroom expectations

_____ Grading policy

_____ Required Unifors for all performances (formal and informal)

_____ Required rehearsal and performance calendar for the entire school year

_____ Instrument contract and rental fee for FCPS-owned instruments (if applicable)

I understand that I am required to participate actively in all concerts and rehearsals, and that my attendance and compliance with the uniform code will be reflected in my grade.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Your signatures will confirm that both students and parents have accepted the responsibilities for this course.

LANGLEY ORCHESTRA SPONSORSHIP



Langley Orchestra Society (LOS) 2019 - 2020 Parent Sponsorship & Donation

Parent Sponsorship and Donations are the major fundraiser for the Langley Orchestra. Your donations are critical to supporting many of the orchestra daily activities and events. Funds help make our concerts possible and enrich the orchestra experience for all of our students by paying for:

- Sheet music and obtaining performance rights
- Instrument purchase and repair
- Sectional coaches
- New music commissions
- Concert programs
- Professional accompanists for concerts
- Substitute teacher fees for field trips

All Langley Orchestra Society Parent Donors are recognized in Concert Programs throughout the year in the categories listed below. Your donation is tax deductible as Langley Orchestra Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

Langley Orchestra Society Sponsorship & Donation \$_____ (\$120 per student suggested)

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impresario (\$1,000 and up) | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor (\$150 - \$249) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maestro's Circle (\$500 - \$999) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor (\$100 - \$149) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (\$250 - \$499) | <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (up to \$99) |

*Please make Check payable to "Langley Orchestra Society, Inc." and mail with this form to:
Attn: LOS Sponsorship, Langley Orchestra Society, Inc., 7700 Lear Road, McLean VA 22102 or have your student
drop this form and check in the **Red Box labeled "JOIN LOS" in the Orchestra room.***

Parent's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Name as should be published on Concert Program _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Student's Name and Grade _____

*Matching Company Donation – Company Name _____

*Business Donation – Business Name _____

(* We will contact you for more information)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Indicate your interest

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality / Pre-concert Meals | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Ornament Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising (car wash, donuts, etc) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Field Trip Planning / Chaperone | <input type="checkbox"/> Silent Auction | <input type="checkbox"/> Wherever I can help |
| <input type="checkbox"/> End-of-year Banquet | <input type="checkbox"/> Concert set-up / helper | |



Pre-Concert Food Fund

The Langley Orchestra has four concerts a year. All students in the orchestra are required to stay after school before each concert for rehearsal and concert set-up. This Food Fund is used to provide meals and snacks for the students before the concert.

Langley Orchestra pre-Concert meals\$ 40.00 per student
*(includes 4 meals for the Orchestra student before each of the scheduled concerts;
the End-of-Year banquet is not included)*

*Please make Check payable to **Langley Orchestra Society** and mail with this form to:*

Jane Riddle – LOS Food Fund, 917 Douglass Drive, McLean VA 22101

*or have your student drop this form and check in the **Red Box labeled "JOIN LOS" in the Orchestra room.***

Student First Name _____ Last Name _____

Parent First Name _____ Last Name _____

Parent email _____

Student Grade _____

For additional students:

Student First Name _____ Last Name _____

Student Grade _____

Student First Name _____ Last Name _____

Student Grade _____