

DWP Orchestra Handbook Addendum COVID-19

DWP Orchestra Family,

We are entering into a school year that will be very different. Things are constantly changing but we learn to adapt and practice flexibility. In the end, we will continue to help you foster your love of music through Orchestra. This addendum will serve as the basic guidelines you need to know to start the school year. Our normal handbook will contain information that we hope to be able to use later in the school year. Communication will be key as we start the year remote. Be sure to check for the latest updates on our DWP Orchestra social media, email, ParentSquare, and Canvas.

Calendar – The calendar of events for orchestra will be limited this year with regards to in-person events. We will plan for the best and prepare for the worst. Updates to the calendar can be found on our website: www.dewittperryorchestra.com (Under Resources)

Private Lessons – Private lessons will only be offered online for the 1st nine weeks. During the 6th week of school, the district will evaluate the situation to see if it is safe for in-person lessons. Check our website for details and updates, as well as scholarship applications.

Orchestra T-Shirts/Face Masks - all students will be provided with a customized DWP Orchestra face mask. (Details will come via social media/email). All students will have an option to purchase an Orchestra T-shirt for a fee of **\$10**

Uniforms – We are not planning to pass out formal concert uniforms until necessary. Stay tuned for updates.

Orchestra Fee – Since it is unknown what events we will be able to have, we are not going to collect an orchestra fee at the beginning of the year. Typically, our Orchestra fee helps offset the cost of entry fees for contests and festivals, maintenance of instruments, and other activities throughout the year. When we are able to have these events, students participating in these events will “pay as we go” throughout the year.

Fundraiser – Our annual Practice-a-thon fundraiser will not be held due to Covid-19. We will explore other possible fundraising opportunities for the Orchestra.

Instrument Maintenance and Tuning Help – We are working with the administration here at Perry to see if we can schedule once a week sessions for you to “drive-by” and receive help for tuning and basic maintenance of instruments. Stay tuned for updates.

Requirements for class – 7th/8th grade students will need to have instruments to start off the school year. Beginner students will start off with the basics of music and care for their instrument before we schedule a time to pick up school instruments. If you haven’t scheduled a time with Mr. Chui to pick up a school instrument, please reach out via email (chuie@cfbisd.edu)

Grades – The DWP Orchestra follows the CFBISD grading policy. All assignments for students will be posted to CANVAS. Students are expected to log in daily for each class and complete their assignments. A daily check-in will be used to help gauge student participation for attendance purposes.

Online Expectations – For remote learners, you will be expected to show up punctually and “camera ready” to your class meeting with all supplies ready to go. You must keep your video feed active during synchronous instruction. Inappropriate behavior will result in removal from the day’s class meeting, loss of credit for the day’s activities, and/or further disciplinary action as determined by administration.

See Canvas for more specific information regarding online expectations.