

Course Descriptions

Sleepy Hollow High School Orchestra

This ensemble focuses on the study of music through performance on string instruments. The goal of the string program is to foster: creativity, commitment, dedication, confidence, discipline, talent, teamwork, and the technical musical skills needed to play a string instrument. The orchestral repertoire represents many styles and eras. Emphasis is directed toward the development of individual proficiency and musicianship, the art of orchestral performance, and knowledge of musical styles.

Sleepy Hollow Middle School Orchestras

The study of orchestra music appropriate for Middle School level is the focus of this course. Students focus on developing correct performance techniques on string instruments through weekly class lessons and rehearsals. The goal of the string program is to foster: creativity, commitment, dedication, confidence, discipline, talent, teamwork, and the technical musical skills needed to play a string instrument. In the interest of formulating age-appropriate instruction and gearing the rehearsals toward the correct developmental level of the students, three Middle School Orchestras have been formed. Each student participates in two of the three. There is the 7/8 Concert Orchestra, the 6/7/8 Intermediate Orchestra and the 6th grade Junior Orchestra.

Chamber Ensembles: Middle School and High School

Chamber Ensembles in both the Middle School and the High School are formed based on each student's technical skills and style of playing. The formation of trios, quartets, quintets, and a small chamber orchestra are all available based on student enrollment. A wide variety of repertoire is explored in each group and there are many performance opportunities.