


Burlington High School Orchestras		
Course Name:	String and Symphonic Orchestra	
Teacher's name & preferred pronouns:	Mrs. Kathleen Kono (she/her)	
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Orchestra Handbook At-A-Glance

Course Description:

In both Orchestra classes, we will learn to play, listen and critically reflect on music from diverse styles and genres while improving our general playing posture, intonation and advancing techniques such as shifting and vibrato.

Daily Rehearsal Expectations and Participation: *60% of a student's grade is based on their daily rehearsal expectations and participation. To achieve the highest mark for a weekly grade:*

- *be seated, unpacked, already tuned with a tuner and ready for the group warm-up 5 minutes after the tardy bell has rung.*
- *bring all music, pencil and equipment needed for rehearsal each day.*
- *be ready to resume rehearsal after our daily class break.*
- *ask questions, offer musical suggestions, show continuous effort and improvement on your music in each rehearsal.*

If you have an unexcused absence/tardy for any portion of the class your grade will be affected. If you have an excused absence/tardy, you will be given the opportunity to make-up any and all work for full-credit.

Playing Reviews and Written Work: *10% of a student's grade is based on mini playing checks, theory worksheets and writing assignments.*

Concert Attendance and Participation: *30% of a student's grade is based on their attendance and full participation in our 4 Orchestra Concerts. Please see the BHS Instrumental Handbook for a more detailed description of this important grading category.*

Required Materials: *Please make sure you have these items everyday in class: instrument, folder, rosin, extra strings (violin/viola), soft cloth for cleaning, shoulder rest (violin/viola), tuner, mute. If you need to order any of these items, please see Mrs. Kono.*

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Concert Attire: *Black dress pants or Black skirt-knee length or longer, Solid Black or White dress shirt (tie optional), Black stockings or socks and Black dress shoes (no flip-flops).*

Other performing groups: *At BHS we have a few different performing groups that you may participate in - Chamber Orchestra (meets Blue Friday Choice Time) and Jazz Band (meets Tuesday evenings). Outside of BHS we also have the Vermont Youth Orchestra Association, Vermont Suzuki Violin Program, Vermont All-State Orchestra and the New England Music Festival. Please see Mrs. Kono for information on how to play/audition for these groups.*

Burlington High School Music Department Orchestra Calendar

2019-2020 (as of 8/28/19)

All concerts in **bold** and * are required and graded (4 total).

October

Thursday 10/24	*Fall Preview Concert	7:00pm	BHS Auditorium
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December

Saturday 12/7	New England Solo/Ensemble	TBA	Hartford H.S. (VT)
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Wednesday 12/18	Small Ensemble Concert	6:30pm	BHS Music Rooms
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January

Saturday 1/18	All State Auditions	TBA	CVU High School
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Thursday 1/30	*Winter Concert II - Choirs/Orchestras	7:00pm	BHS Auditorium
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March

Wednesday 3/11	*Orchestra Night	7:00pm	BHS Auditorium
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3/19-3/21	New England Music Festival	TBA	Hanover, NH
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April

Wednesday 4/15	Small Ensemble Concert	6:30pm	BHS Music Rooms
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May

5/7-5/9	Vermont All State Music Festival	8am-8pm	Newport, Vermont
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Thursday 5/21	*Spring Concert	7:00pm	BHS Auditorium
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June

Friday 6/12	BHS Graduation- Band/Orchestra	10am	BHS Gym
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Please visit www.burlingtonhighschoolmusic.org for the most up to date calendar that has the dates for band, choir and orchestra.