

LEE HIGH SCHOOL

"Virtual Orchestra Handbook"

2020-2021

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FORMAL UNIFORMS

As a member of the LEE Orchestra you are required to wear the district issued orchestra uniforms to all formal concerts. Uniforms will be fitted and issued to students during class. There is a \$10 fee for the rental/cleaning of the uniforms. It will be each student's responsibility to have uniforms altered if needed. Please be sure to make your rental payment. Also.....unfortunately, some of these uniforms need to be cleaned. It is recommended that you dry clean your uniform prior to the performance. **NOTE: As of now (8-18-20) we will NOT be using uniforms this school year. This information is listed simply because Rules/Regulations are constantly changing. If we ever return to a "traditional" year, you will need this information. But as of now.....do NOT purchase any uniform.**

Ladies, you will be issued a black dress. You will be responsible for providing the rest of the required uniform:

- **nude stockings/pantyhose**
- **black dress shoes**

Gentlemen, you will be issued black tuxedo pants and a black tuxedo jacket. You will be responsible for providing the rest of the required uniform:

- **black cummerbund**
- **black bow tie**
- **black dress shoes**
- **black socks**

Please do not allow your tailor to cut off the excess material from the length. Someone next year may need a longer uniform. LADIES, also remember that the dresses for this uniform must be ankle length. If there are any questions or concerns please let me know. Remember, if you do not have a uniform, you will not be allowed on stage. This will affect your grade.

INSTRUMENTS

Every student is expected to have their instrument for every rehearsal. If you do not own an instrument you may rent one from the school. The fee is \$30 for the entire year. Because of the current state of our society (COVID), NEISD has told us teachers not to accept cash or check. We are told to set up an electronic form of payment. That has not been established yet but when it does, you will be notified. I am not too concerned simply because most of you already have your own instruments. You will be asked to also have the materials that go with your instrument (shoulder rest, rock stop).

DUES

Instrument Rental: \$30 for the year (Online electronic payment will be setup soon)

All 'dues' will be needed by September 25th, 2020

ORCHESTRA DATES

(Bolded items are Cancelled until further notice)

SEPTEMBER

- 25th: All Orchestra fees are due. (\$30 for the instrument).
25th: Submit a video for a seating test. (We aim to have 3-4 seating tests this year)

OCTOBER

- 3rd: Region Virtual Auditions Begin (This is a window. Symphony & Philharmonic)
7th: Fall Concert 7pm (CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)
24th: All State Recordings are due to be submitted.
31st-10/4: All State Mariachi Recording Window

NOVEMBER

- 4th: All State Mariachi Recording Window

DECEMBER

- 2nd: Fundraiser Dinner Concert (LEE Cafeteria:6pm) (CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)**
8th: Holiday Concert 7pm (Auditorium) (CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)

JANUARY

- 30th: UIL Solo & Ensemble @ Madison HS. Time is TBA

FEBRUARY

- 9th: Pre UIL Concert @ LEE, 6pm (TENTATIVE)**

MARCH

- 1, 2, 3: UIL Contest @ San Marcos HS (TENTATIVE)**

APRIL

- 12, 13, 14, 15: Evening with Strings @ Blossom 7pm (TENTATIVE)**

MAY

- 15th: Orchestra Banquet @ ??? 6pm (TENTATIVE)**
17th: Farewell Concert @ LEE 7pm (TENTATIVE)

Orchestra family, I am so sorry that so much of the future is uncertain. I do have back up plans in mind, but we all know that certain things are hard to duplicate. If we do come back to regular class soon, I plan to record a polished rehearsal and get it to you in a YouTube link or something of that nature if a physical performance is not possible. If we remain online, possibilities including the previously mentioned will be explored. Please know that settling for the current situation is not my first choice.

FOLDERS & LOCKERS

If we return to class, then lockers will be issued for your instrument to be stored in. It will be your responsibility to provide a lock. FOLDERS, however, will be used regardless of where we are learning. Please get a 3 ring binder to place your music in once I begin issuing songs. I will post music in the google classroom and require you to print it out and place it in your binder. We need you to print it so you may provide the appropriate markings when needed.

GRADES

Students are graded on 5 different areas.

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| 1. TESTS | 20% |
| 2. Attitude-Effort | 20% |
| 3. Preparation (Binders-Notebooks-Journals) | 20% |
| 4. Performances | 20% |
| 5. Warm Ups | 20% |

RECEIVEING INFORMATION

Google Calendar: All of our performance dates are already up on the school's google calendar.

Mprado3@neisd.net: This is Mr. Prado's email if you have any questions or concerns or COMPLIMENTS!!!!

210-356-0885 ex 60885: Mr. Prado's Office Phone

Remind 101 for STUDENTS only: lo202021 (INSTRUCTIONS: text 81010 with the message @lo202021)

Remind 101 for PARENTS only: orchlobo (INSTRUCTIONS: text 81010 with the message @orchlobo)

Volsorchestra.org: This is our parent booster website

REHEARSALS & TUTORING

Because of COVID, we will not be having traditional after school rehearsals. We teachers have been told that we are allowed to hold "flex time" for our rehearsals whenever we return to class. "Flex Time" is 8am-10am and 3:30pm-4:30pm. No rehearsals are scheduled for now, but know that when the year gets more settled, the plan is to have a rehearsal 1 day a week during 1 of these times.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

Every student is expected to attend every performance required. If you fail to attend a performance, a '0' will be placed in the grade book until you make up the grade. You will make up the grade by writing me a 1 to 2 page essay on the composer we have been studying.

PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDENCE

Students, please be on time to every rehearsal & performance. This does include class time rehearsals. Last year I had too many students tardy each day that really affected our preparation time. Each case will be handled on an individual basis; however, my expectations are for everyone to be punctual and prepared with their instrument each day unless told otherwise.

ZOOM RULES

1. Please keep your camera on (at least when you are asked to play)
2. Please mute yourself until I have addressed you.
3. Learn how to use ZOOM.
4. Be sure everything the camera sees is school appropriate.
5. Eliminate distractions
6. Do not abuse the 'chat' or I will disable. I have the ability to print all chats including private ones.
7. Be prepared. Example: your instrument and music are in the next room.
8. This is all new...so please be patient...especially with the world constantly changing.

Dear Orchestra Fam-LEE,

On behalf of the LEE Orchestra Booster Organization (LOBO), we would like to welcome everyone to the 2020-2021 school year. Our goal is to come together by volunteering, donating, assisting, and supporting the Vol's Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Josh Prado.

We encourage everyone to visit our updated website at **volsorchestra.org** and register yourself by joining our mailing list! Keep up to date with the orchestra news and viewing our calendar regularly for important dates! We stress that we want everyone to be involved!

-LEE Orchestra Booster Organization

**Please sign and return the sheet stating that you have
read & understand the LEE Orchestra Expectations for
2019-2020.**

(Please write legible)

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____