

Canyon del Oro High School
Orchestra Handbook
2021-2022

Orchestra Director: Mr. Toru Tagawa

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Password for Practice Parts: play music

Remind for the Orchestra

Symphonic: Enter 81010, and Text @cdosymp

Concert: Enter 81010, and Text @cdoconcert

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Toru Tagawa, and this is my 13th year as the Orchestra Director at Canyon del Oro High School. I am looking forward to working with all of you and making great music. At CDO, we have two orchestras, the Concert Orchestra and the Symphonic Orchestra. The Concert Orchestra is open to intermediate level students, and the Symphonic Orchestra is only open to advanced students and audition is required for in-coming students.

In both orchestras, we will cover a variety of literature from J.S. Bach to full orchestra music. We will be learning about composers, scales, key signatures in addition to playing your instrument.

Please read this handbook carefully and sign the online contract by August 17, 2021. Link is at [Orchestra Handbook 2021-2022](#) Make sure to put your T-shirt size, you will receive one Orchestra T-shirt.

Symphonic Orchestra meets in the 2nd Period.

Concert Orchestra meets in the 3rd Period.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Toru Tagawa, ttagawa@amphi.com, 520-696-5797
Director: CDO Orchestra

GENERAL BEHAVIOR & PARTICIPATION

- Students should become familiar with the school rules and regulations. Students are expected to follow the rules and regulations that the school has put forth for academic learning.
- Participation point(s) will be deducted for excessive, inappropriate, or disruptive behavior.
- Points can also be deducted for disruptive behavior, excessive tardies, absenteeism, cell phone use during class, failure to take part in class discussions, etc.

In-Person Class Policies

- Students are expected to create a positive learning environment for you and your colleagues. Please be considerate of others, and show respect to everyone. This applies as soon as you enter the Orchestra room.
- Students should own their own instruments in good condition, and bring them to school on orchestra days (cellos and basses are exempt from bringing them to school).
- Students must have necessary accessories such as pencils, rosin, shoulder rest, spare strings, cleaning cloths, endpin holder, mute, etc.
- No food or drink are allowed in the classroom. Water is allowed.
- Students are to follow the CDO code of conduct. Example, cell phones must be turned off during the class time, appropriate attire, etc.
- Fingernails must be kept short in order to play the instrument.
- Classroom music must stay in the classroom. In the case of missing or music in poor condition, students are responsible for the replacement cost. Students are only allowed to mark in pencil.
- No large jewelry, No perfume or cologne.
- As soon as you are ready, you are to warm up (Scales, Excerpts)

Grading

Students grades will be determined by the following requirements:

Daily participation: 40% (You will receive maximum of 4 points per day, minimum 2 points per day, failure to turn in bell work or tardy will result in 1 point penalty)

Quiz/Test: 40% (Playing test, Written test, Final exam, etc)

Attendance for Extra Rehearsals: Required.

Concert Performances: 20% (**each concert is 20% of the total grade**)

Turning in Forms and Payments: You are expected to turn in forms and payments ontime.

Grading Scale:	A	90% - 100%
	B	80% - 89%
	C	70% - 79%
	D	60% - 69%
	F	59% - 50%

Students must perform at all concerts and festivals. Only illness, family illness, family death, or religious holidays will be considered excused absences for a performance. Work is not an excused absence. Written permission from a parent or a doctor is required.

Concert Attire for Performances (This is for both orchestras, New as of 2021)

Men: Long Sleeve Black Dress shirts, black pants, black socks and black dress shoes.

The Orchestra Booster Club will order black dress shirts.

Women: Uniform black dress. Dresses will be ordered as soon as possible at the beginning of the school year. Black closed toe shoes and black nylons or socks. Uniform Dress (\$50) due by September 1, 2021.

payable to CDO Orchestra Booster Club, memo: Orchestra Uniform

Student Council: You must have been in the Symphonic Orchestra at CDO for at least a year to be eligible to run for President, Vice President, Secretary and treasurer positions.

President: Act as the executive officer of the students

Vice President: Assistant to the President

Secretary: Keep track of the meeting records

Treasurer: Keep track of money issues

For both Symphonic and Concert Orchestra

Librarians: Assist the orchestra director in library matters

Stage Managers: Assist the orchestra director in stage matters, in class and on stage

The orchestra director reserves the right to modify the handbook during the year. This will be done in a timely manner so students will be aware of the modification(s).

Important Dates

August 17 Voting for T-Shirts Design (Symphonic), Officer Election(Symphonic)

August 17 Handbook Contract due online, T-Shirts Design Due

August 19, 20: Playing Check: One 3 Octave Scale and Arpeggio, Regional Excerpt 1 for Symphonic Orchestra: Concert Orchestra Audition: One 2 Octave Scale and Arpeggio, Regional Excerpt 1

September 1 (Wed) Dress \$ due, payable to CDO Orchestra Booster Club, \$50

October 6 (Wed) **Fall Concert at 6:30pm, CDO Auditorium (5pm Call)**

October 22 (Fri) **ABODA Festival at Tucson High School (Symphonic only)**

November 8, Deadline for sign up for Regional Orchestra Audition for CDO students.

(\$25 application fee, payable to CDO, memo: Orchestra audition)

December 8 (Wed) **Winter Concert at 6:30pm, CDO Auditorium (5pm Call)**

January 15 (Sat) Solo Ensemble Festival

January 22 (Sat) Regional Auditions, University of Arizona

February 18(Fri) **and 19**(Sat) AMEA Regional Festival (Participants only)

February 23 (Wed) Deadline to register for All State

March 2 (Wed) **CDO Feeder Concert at 6:00pm, CDO Auditorium (5pm Call)**

March 4 (Fri) **ABODA Festival, Catalina Foothills High School (Symphonic Only)**

March 12 (Sat) AMEA All State Audition, Phoenix (Student must have completed Regional Festival and must have been placed in the first half of your instrument. Violinists must make 1st Violin at the Regional (or first desk of 2nd Violin) in order to qualify.

April 7-9 (Thu-Sat), All-State Festival, Northern Arizona University (Participants only)

April 21-24 (Thu-Sun) Orchestra Trip to Anaheim, CA (Tentative)

May 9 (Mon) **Honors Assembly at 6pm, CDO Auditorium (5pm Call)**

May 11 (Wed) **Final Concert at 6:30pm, CDO Auditorium (5pm Banquet)**

Musical: The Secret Garden. (If Interested, contact Mr. Tagawa)

Rehearsals starts on week of September 20, dates TBA time 4pm - 5:30pm

Week of 10/18, M-Th 4pm - 7pm

Week of 10/25, M-Th 4pm - 7pm

Week of 11/1, M-W 4pm - 8pm

11/4, 7pm Performance (6pm Call time)

11/5, 7pm Performance (6pm Call time)

11/6, 2pm Performance (1pm Call time)