

COVID-19 Addendum to The Woodlands High School Orchestra Handbook 2020-2021



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Until rescinded by a written notice from the Director the following changes to our normal procedures are in effect for TWHS Orchestra during the 2020-2021 School year due to COVID-19:

CONCERTS: All Concerts will be conducted virtually. Recordings made during class with in-person students will be mixed with videos submitted by online students to create the concert. The concerts will then be premiered online for students and families to view from the comfort and safety of their own home.

CONCERT DRESS: All students will perform in the Official Orchestra T-shirt, Black Pants, black socks, and black shoes. Boys should tuck in their shirts and wear a black belt. School owned concert uniforms will not be issued or used till at least the spring semester. Currently students are not allowed to change clothes at school due to COVID-19 concerns, and should come to school dressed in their performance clothes.

Sectionals: All students in Symphony, Concert, and Chamber Orchestras will be expected to attend after school sectionals this year. Sectionals will occur online via zoom from 3:15 PM-4:30 PM, at least till the Spring Semester. The links to the zoom meetings will be posted in Canvas. There will be no combined after school rehearsal until further notice.

- MONDAYS: Bass Sectionals 3:15 PM-4:30 PM
- TUESDAYS: Viola Sectionals 3:15 PM-4:30 PM
- WEDNESDAYS: Cello Sectionals 3:15 PM-4:30 PM
- THURSDAYS: Violin Sectionals 3:15 PM-4:30 PM

Student Travel and Classroom Visitors: All student travel and classroom visitors are suspended at this time. All Region and All-State Auditions will happen remotely via an online platform.

Instrument Lockers: Instrument Lockers will be shared by 2 students who have class on different days (i.e. shared between 1 Red Day and 1 Green Day Student). **ALL LOCKERS MUST BE EMPTIED AT THE END OF THE DAY, NOTHING CAN BE LEFT OVER NIGHT!** All lockers will be sanitized nightly and must be empty to undergo the cleaning process. Students should only store their orchestra materials in their orchestra locker this year. Students will only have access to orchestra lockers during their class, and before/after school.

Playing Assignments: All student, whether in person or online, will utilize Canvas, Smart Music, and Flipgrid to turn in their work. All assignments, instructions, and links will be housed in Canvas.

Instrument Use: Students are only to use their personal instrument, or the school owned instrument that has been assigned to them. Violin and Viola Students **MUST** provide their own instrument and will not be allowed to borrow another student's instrument. Cello and Bass Players can choose to bring their instruments back and forth with them, or pay the \$75 district

maintenance fee and be assigned a school owned instrument to use in class. School owned Instruments will be sanitized by the students using them at the end of every class.

Music and Music Stands: To help facilitate distancing in the classroom, no students will be allowed to share music or music stands. School owned music stands will be sanitized by the students using them at the end of every class. Students are invited and encouraged to bring their own personal music stand back and forth to class.

Entering the Classroom: In order to help with distancing, violin and bass players will enter the orchestra room using the exterior door, the one from the u-drive, and access their lockers/instruments from that side of the room. Cello and Viola Players will enter the room using the main doors and stay on the interior side of the orchestra room. If it is raining, Violin and Bass students will enter the room using the Blackbox door. Upon entering all students must use hand sanitizer.

Access to the Orchestra Room: ONLY CURRENTLY ENROLLED ORCHESTRA STUDENTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE ORCHESTRA ROOM THIS YEAR. Also in order to help facilitate distancing, students can only hang out in the orchestra room when they are waiting for their specific class to start. Students that need to drop off or pick up instruments before/after school should do that and then immediately exit the orchestra room. Please do not congregate in the room before or after school, do so outside. All doors will be propped open in order to help with airflow, and to avoid having people touch door handles.

Chairs: Only cellists will be allowed to use a chair during class in order to facilitate distancing. If a non-cellist student has a medical need for a chair, one will be provided.

Food and Drink: NO food or drink will be allowed in the orchestra room this year. The only exception is for students that have a medical need.

Masks and Distancing: ALL Students MUST wear a mask in the Orchestra Room at ALL times. Students should maintain as much distance as possible while in the room.