

**JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Orchestra Syllabus**

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James Madison High School is committed to creating learning environments where every student's identity, strengths, and talents are appreciated and cultivated.

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**General Information**

- **Contact Information:** 703-319-2377, egeberly@fcps.edu
- **Course Name:** Advanced Orchestra
- **Calendar and Assignment Information:** All due dates for major assignments will be communicated and posted in our Schoology course. All grades will be posted in the Student Information System (SIS) and accessible through StudentVue and ParentVue. Students and parents are encouraged to frequently monitor Schoology and grades in SIS StudentVue to set short and long-term goals.
- **Office Hours:** Upon Request
- **Online Resources:** Course materials and resources can be found in Schoology.

**Materials:**

Students are expected to bring their assigned laptop each day fully charged. Additionally, it is recommended that students have a pair of earphones or earbuds they can access during the day. **We are unable to provide loaners for forgotten laptops, earphones, or chargers.** Additional course materials for this course include:

- Pencil and eraser
- Instrument and accessories

**Essential Skills:**

- The essential skills for Orchestra are listed below. Each practice/assessment in SIS will correspond to an essential skill for the course.
  - Rehearsal Techniques
  - Performance Techniques
  - Intonation
  - Bowing Skills and Accuracy
  - Shifting
  - Sight Reading
  - Content Knowledge
  - Ensemble Awareness

**Madison Grading information:**

Madison's Skills-Based Mastery Learning and Grading [Guidelines for Students and Families.](#)

## Honors/AP/DE Courses

- For students who pass this AP/DE/HNs course, an additional 1.0/1.0/.5 quality point will be added to the quality point value assigned to the final grade for purposes of calculating **GPA only**. For example, a final grade of A in this course shall receive 5.0 quality points. No additional weight will be assigned to an F mark.
- Students enrolled in AP courses are strongly encouraged to take the culminating external examination associated with the course. These standardized examinations are designed to measure content and skill mastery and a successful score may earn credit and advanced placement in college. Information for students who choose not to participate in an AP exam for a course in which they are currently enrolled will be provided later in the school year.
- **Advanced Placement Test Opt Out:** Students enrolled in an Advanced Placement course (“AP”) are expected to sit for the exam in May. Students will have the opportunity to opt out of the exam. (Details and timelines will be distributed by Student Services)

## Honor Code

**JMHS Honor Statement:** *Learning is about the process, not necessarily the outcome. I made my best individual effort and I have not given nor received any unauthorized assistance on this assignment. All of the work presented is my own.*

Unauthorized assistance on any and all school work includes cheating, plagiarizing, lying, and stealing, as well as providing unauthorized assistance to another student. By submitting work for evaluation, you represent it as your own intellectual product. You may not submit for evaluation any content (e.g., ideas, text, code, images) that was generated, in whole or in part, by Artificial Intelligence tools unless the teacher has explicitly granted permission to do so. Your teacher will explain to you the uses of AI tools that are permitted or prohibited in this course, including on what specific assignments the use of AI tools is permitted. Submitting content for evaluation that was produced in whole or in part by AI tools, except for the specific purpose(s) and assignment(s) discussed and authorized by the teacher, constitutes an Honor Code infraction. To ensure that an assignment is a student’s own intellectual product, teachers may require students to complete an assignment exclusively in a Google Document or Slide so that they may review the entire draft history for evidence of composition and editing. Not following a teacher’s specified process may be considered an Honor Code infraction.

- **Infraction process:**
  - Teacher determines that a student may have violated the honor code policy.
  - An administrator will decide if the infraction constitutes an honor code warning or violation.
  - Consequences are given for a violation of the honor code policy.
- **Additional Information:** <https://madisonhs.fcps.edu/about/honor-code>

## Uniforms

All Concerts will be performed in Concert Black with the exception of the DAYTIME concert on October 17th–Mad Music Day. That concert will be performed in jeans and a t-shirt. However, the evening concert will be in CONCERT BLACK.

### Concert Black–

- Black Pants
- Long sleeved black shirt
- Black Socks
- Black DRESS Shoes (NO SNEAKERS)

### OR

- Black Skirt/Black Dress (no spaghetti straps)
- Black Stockings
- Black DRESS shoes

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## JMHS Orchestra Department

### 2023-2024 Student Calendar

*This calendar is not all-inclusive, but highlights the major events for the 2023-24 school year. Please visit [www.jmhsorchestra.com](http://www.jmhsorchestra.com) for the complete calendar.*

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	PERFORMERS
Fri, Sep 29 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Trip Deposits Due	My School Bucks	All who elect to travel with us to Charleston
Mon, Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3:30pm	Senior Regional Orchestra Auditions	Justice High School	All Orchestras*
Tues, Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> , in school	MAD music Day	Auditorium	All Orchestras - required
Tues, Oct 17 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00pm	Fall Performing Arts Concert	Auditorium	All Orchestras - required
Thurs-Sat, Nov 9-11, all day	Senior Regional Orchestra	Wakefield High School	All students with successful auditions
Tues, Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> , 4:00pm	District Orchestra Auditions	Thoreau Middle School	All Orchestras *
Mon, Dec 4 <sup>th</sup> , 7:00pm	Pyramid Snow Show	Auditorium	Chamber Orchestra

<b>Wed, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm</b>	<b>Winter Concert</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>All Orchestras - required</b>
<b>Fri, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>, afterschool</b>	<b>Snowman Decorating/Setup</b>	<b>Auditorium and Hallways</b>	<b>Volunteers</b>
<b>Saturday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, AM time</b>	<b>“The Snowman” performance</b>	<b>Madison HS</b>	<b>Chamber Orchestra and Volunteers</b>
<b>Fri, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am</b>	<b>Assembly</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>Chamber Orchestra</b>
<b>Fri-Sat, Jan 12-13, all day</b>	<b>District Orchestra</b>	<b>Langley High School</b>	<b>All students with successful auditions</b>
<b>Wed, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:00pm</b>	<b>Pre-Assessment concert</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>All Orchestras - required</b>
<b>Sat, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, all day</b>	<b>All-State Auditions</b>	<b>James Madison University</b>	<b>Senior Regional Orchestra members</b>
<b>Fri-Sat, Mar 1<sup>st</sup> AND 2<sup>nd</sup>, each orchestra will be assigned a specific time.</b>	<b>Orchestra State Assessment</b>	<b>Madison High School</b>	<b>All Orchestras – required BOTH performing and volunteering</b>
<b>Wed-Sun, Mar 13- Mar 17</b>	<b>Spring Trip</b>	<b>Charleston, SC</b>	<b>Optional*</b>
<b>Thurs-Sat, April 18-20, all day</b>	<b>All- State Orchestra</b>	<b>Richmond, VA</b>	<b>Students with a successful audition</b>
<b>Thurs, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm</b>	<b>Spring Orchestra Concert</b>	<b>Auditorium</b>	<b>All Orchestras- required</b>
<b>June dates TBA</b>	<b>Baccalaureate, Convocation, Graduation, etc.</b>	<b>TBA</b>	<b>TBA</b>

**\*optional**