

Northside High School Orchestra – '06-'07 Syllabus

Meeting Times: MWF, 2nd period, Multi-purpose Room

Director: Paul Singletary – Phone at Northside HS 706-748-2920 (1st period planning)

Home phone – 706-563-6103, at Double Churches MS (12 noon-3:30 PM) 706-748-2678

Students will attend an alternate day block schedule class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday in the Multi-purpose Room. Their participation will require an instrument, folder, writing materials, and accessories for their instrument. Normal accessories include rosin, music stand, rock stops, shoulder rest, spare strings, and mute.

Students will rehearse and perform grades 3-6 string and full orchestra literature as a learning experience. Playing techniques will be addressed in the literature and reinforced as needed by the study of scales, rhythms and etudes. Scales and rhythms will be found in Essentials for Strings, Gerald Anderson, published by Kjos. As this book will be considered the textbook for the class, each student will need to have a copy of this book for class and home practice.

The study and rehearsal of music will be supplemented by an ongoing discussion of the basic principles of music theory. Students will be given hand-outs as necessary or may be asked to purchase an inexpensive music theory text if appropriate for the level of the class.

Students will also be expected to participate in county events such as Solo/Ensemble, Honor Orchestra, after school concerts and rehearsals and Performance Evaluation. A list of these dates is included below for planning purposes.

-Sat., Oct. 21 – District 3 Orchestra Solo/Ensemble Festival, Double Churches M.S. (this involves only a one hour period of time as scheduled)

-Sat. Oct. 28 – District All-State Orchestra auditions, Columbus H.S. (as recommended by the director)

-December concert Tues., Dec. 12

-District III Honor Orchestra – Feb. 23, 24, Hardaway H.S. (as recommended by the director)

-District III Performance Evaluation – Wed., March 28, Kendrick H.S. (all students will participate)

-Spring Concert TBD in April

Grades will be based on daily participation, performance on tests in class and in performances, and other assignments.