

Hadley Jr. High School Orchestra Handbook



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Hadley Orchestra Director**

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Welcome to the Hadley Orchestra program!

This orchestra handbook has been designed as a guide for our musicians and their families. Please read the handbook together as a family, keep it in a convenient place for reference, sign and return the agreement found on the back page. If you have any questions throughout the year, please feel free to call or e-mail your orchestra teacher. We hope all our new and returning musicians have a wonderful musical year.

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**" I WOULD LIKE TO TEACH CHILDREN MUSIC, PHYSICS AND PHILOSOPHY;
BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY MUSIC, FOR THE PATTERNS OF MUSIC AND ALL
THE ARTS ARE THE KEYS TO LEARNING."**

~ PLATO

Hadley Orchestras:

Instruments Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass

6th Grade Orchestra ~ 2nd year students playing in 6th grade orchestra level

7th Grade Orchestra ~ 3rd year students playing in 7th grade orchestra level

8th Grade Orchestra "Hadley Strings" ~ 4th year students playing in 8th grade orchestra level

6th & 7th Grade Orchestra Expectations

- Attend all lessons and arrive on time.
- Be prepared with instrument, music and pencil
- Practice at home on a regular basis
- Perform at all concerts and rehearsals. If there is a conflict with any after school rehearsal or concert, please contact the director by email or phone a month ahead of time and discuss the situation. This allows the director to adjust a seating arrangement or the director can assist in finding a way for your child to make the rehearsal or concert by brainstorming the situation.

8th Grade Orchestra "Hadley String" Orchestra Expectations

Communication is extremely important with the orchestra director

- Arrive on time and be prepared with instrument, music and pencil
- Practice at home on a regular basis.
- *It is **required** that all students attend the very few before-school rehearsals 7:20am-8:15am.* Rehearsals dates will be given at a later time. The faculty at Hadley offers many activities and review sessions before and after school. According to certain academic situations, exceptions may be made at the discretion of the orchestra director upon communication with the parent.
- If your child cannot attend a morning rehearsal due to a school absence, please email the orchestra director.
- If a child is in a sport that conflicts with the orchestra schedule, there must be a discussion between the parent, coach and the orchestra director to figure out a scheduling solution. We do thi each year with students and this does not pose a problem.
- Perform at all concerts and clinics. If there is a conflict with any concert or clinic, please contact the director by email or phone a month ahead of time and discuss the situation. This will allow the director to adjust a seating arrangement or the director can assist in finding a way for your child to make the concert or competition by brainstorming the situation.
- A student must be prepared to perform at all clinics. If it appears that a student may not be prepared to perform at a festival/clinic, the director will contact the family to discuss the situation. In rare instances, a child who isn't prepared may not be able to perform.

Orchestra Attendance Requirements & Grades

6th & 7th Grade Orchestra

- Orchestra class meets every day and students do NOT miss any other academic classes.
- One after school orchestra rehearsal before each concert to combine the 2 orchestra classes.
A late bus will be provided for your child if they ride the bus home. The Hadley late bus departs at 4:45pm Monday through Friday.
- Two Hadley Concerts: one in the winter and one in the spring.
- Students will receive a grade for performances, class participation, scales, group and individual playing tests, and activities, etc. Work Habits grades will also be given.

8th Grade Orchestra (Hadley String Orchestra)

- Orchestra class meets every day and students do NOT miss any other academic classes.
- 2 or 3 rehearsals before each concert that will occur before school to combine the 2 orchestra classes.
- 2 Hadley Concerts; one winter and one spring
- In school clinic in February/March
- Possible out of school Orchestra Festival in March/April
- Students will receive a grade for performances, class participation, scales, group and individual playing tests, and activities, etc. Work Habits grades will also be given.



Concert Dress

6th Grade Orchestra ~ White long sleeved shirt, black pants, black socks, black dress shoes.

7th Grade Orchestra ~ White long sleeved shirt, black pants, black socks, black dress shoes.

8th Grade Orchestra ~ White long sleeved shirt, black pants, black socks, black dress shoes.

- White long sleeved, button down shirt with collar
- Black dress pants
- Black socks
- Black dress shoes (no gym shoes!)

Your support and your child's success in practice

Music achievement requires effort over a period of time. The time in orchestra lessons is limited. New concepts learned at school need daily personal practice time by your child at home in order for these new skills to be developed. You can help your child by:

At home:

- Show your child that you are interested in what they are learning on their instrument.
- Help your child establish a practice routine, provide a regular time and place to practice.
- Remaining nearby during practice times as often as possible.
- Have your child play for you and others.
- Keep the instrument and music in good condition. Extreme temperature and dryness can crack the wood.
 - Do not keep instrument in a car for extreme amounts of time
 - Do not keep instrument near heating vents, windows, doorways or air conditioners
- Provide opportunities for your child to hear and see others perform through live performances, TV, recordings, radio.
- Praise your child and be patient, learning is a continuous process that takes time.

At school:

- Teach your child the importance of being prepared and on time for rehearsals and performances. The orchestra is a team and all members rely on each other.
- Attend all of your child's performances.
- Please communicate with your child's teacher when necessary.

**"MUSIC IS A HIGHER REVELATION THAN ALL WISDOM AND
PHILOSOPHY. MUSIC IS THE ELECTRICAL SOIL
IN WHICH THE SPIRIT LIVES, THINKS AND INVENTS."
~ LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN**

HADLEY ORCHESTRA CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

All students need these supplies by the opening of school.

- Instrument
- Luggage tag or name tag attached to instrument case
 - Before school begins:** label with child's first and last name
- Method book:
 - 6th grade students will receive Essential Elements for Strings Book 1
 - 7th grade students will receive Essential Elements for Strings Book 2
 - 8th grade students will receive Essential Technique for Strings Book 3
 - The new lesson/method book will be purchased through the school and will be distributed at school. You will provide payment via a fee assigned through the school.
- 1" three-ring black binder with a clear plastic cover on front
 - Before school begins:** write/print the following on a sheet of paper and insert in the clear plastic cover: first and last name, instrument, orchestra period
- Set of 3 dividers
 - Before school begins:** label the 3 dividers as: 1) warm ups, 2) music 3) important papers
- 20 sheet protectors
 - Before school begins:** insert page protectors in binder
- Set of pencils (replenish as needed)
- Set of 2 different colored highlighters
- Pencil pouch that clips into a 3-ring binder to hold writing utensils
- One large binder clip for method/lesson book
 - Before school begins:** put pencils, highlighters, and binder clip in pouch and clip into binder
- Clip on tuner or app for phone
- Metronome or app for phone
- Cotton cloth to remove rosin on instrument and bow
- Box of tissues

Orchestra Schedule 2022-2023

*Please check to see which orchestra your child is in and note the applicable dates in your family calendar.
Thank you!*

Date	Time	Orchestras	Location	Event
Thursday, October 13	TBA	8th Grade Orchestra ~ Hadley Strings	Glenbard South High School	Rehearsal for String Fest ~ Field Trip during school day
Monday, October 17	TBA	8th Grade Orchestra ~ Hadley Strings	Glenbard South High School Gymnasium	String Fest
Monday, November 28	3:35pm-4:35pm	6th Grade Orchestra	Hadley Jr. High Orchestra Room	Winter after school rehearsal
Tuesday, November 29	3:35pm-4:35pm	7th Grade Orchestra	Hadley Jr. High Orchestra Room	Winter after school rehearsal
11/29 & 11/30	7:20am-8:15am	8th Grade Orchestra~ Hadley Strings	Hadley Jr. High Orchestra Room	Before school rehearsals
Thursday, December 1	6:15pm, arrive at 5:30pm	6th Grade	Hadley Jr. High School Auditorium	Hadley Winter Concert
Thursday, December 1	7:30pm, arrive at 6:45pm	7th & 8th Grades	Hadley Jr High School Auditorium	Hadley Winter Concert
Friday, January 27	5:00pm - 9:00pm	7th & 8th Grades	Hadley Jr. High Orchestra Room	Hadley String Solo & Ensemble Festival
FEB/MARCH	TBA	8th Grade Orchestra ~ Hadley Strings	Hadley Jr. High School	Winter Clinic
Monday, April 17	3:35pm-4:35pm	6th Grade Orchestra	Hadley Junior High Orchestra Room	Spring after school rehearsal
Tuesday, April 18	3:35pm-4:35pm	7th Grade Orchestra	Hadley Junior High Orchestra Room	Spring after school rehearsal

4/17 & 4/19	7:20am-8:15am	8th Grade Orchestra ~ Hadley Strings	Hadley Junior High Orchestra Room	Before school rehearsals
Thursday, April 20	6:15pm, arrive at 5:30pm	6th grade	Hadley Jr High School Auditorium	Hadley 6th grade Spring Orchestra Concert
Thursday, April 20	7:30pm, Arrive at 6:45pm	7th & 8th Grades	Hadley Jr High School Auditorium	Hadley 7th & 8th Grade Spring Orchestra Concert
MARCH /APRIL	TBA	8th Grade Orchestra ~ Hadley Strings	TBA	FESTIVAL
Friday, April 28	TBA	8th Grade Orchestra ~ Hadley Strings	Hadley Junior High School	Hadley Strings performance for 4 th graders ~ DEMONSTRATION CONCERT

Purchasing an Instrument

Generally, we do not recommend purchasing an instrument until your child has reached a full size instrument. When that time comes, we highly recommend that you have your child's orchestra teacher or private teacher help in trying out instruments. This will be a significant purchase and you will probably want some guidance into buying the appropriate instrument for your child.

The music stores listed below offer quality student and professional level instruments that you may want to consider when you are ready for purchasing an instrument.

Kagan & Gaines Music Co.

7655 W. Roosevelt Rd.
Forest Park, Il. 60130
(708) 771-2152

Kenneth Stein

3 South Park Avenue, Lombard, IL 60148
(630) 705-9193

A440

2222 West Roscoe Street, Chicago, IL 60618
(773) 348-4949

Michael Becker

28 3rd Street, Park Ridge, IL 60068
(847) 823-5490

Seman Violins Inc

4504 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60076
(847) 674-0690



Recommended Private Instructor List

Private lessons are highly recommended to every orchestra student.

Private lessons are one of the most important investments in music that a student or parent can make. They often provide expert instruction to succeed and excel. Many of our best students would not be where they are today without them. The high quality private instructors that we have are one of the assets that make our orchestra the quality organization that it is.

VIOLIN:

The Hall School of Music	630-221-5555
String Academy of Chicago(in Glen Ellyn)	630-682-1906
Bellas Artes Studio	630-386-7680
Wheaton College Community School of the Arts	630-752-5567
Ms. Jill Thackery	773-501-3173
Ms. Gail Salvatori	630-532-0623
Ms. Katie Heise	630-606-8324
Ms. Corrine Brodick	630-629-3953
Ms. Janis Wittrig	630-690-6415
Francesca Di Domenico – high school tutor	fradidom@gmail.com
Gabriella Di Domenico - College tutor (SUMMER ONLY)	gabdidom@gmail.com
Jonah Miller - high School tutor	224-239-2462
Leila Salvidas - high school tutor	630-715-9367
Alina Blashchuk - high school tutor	630-822-8795
Toby Montilla - high school tutor	917- 570-8130
Gavin Profitt - high school tutor	630- 835-1643
Elizabeth Torres – high school tutor	847-284-5107
Marisa Mehta - high school tutor	630- 485-8138
Amy Tran - high school tutor	630- 644-9933
Maddie Hunter - high school tutor	708-973-6228
Amber Ademi – high school tutor	630-943-2630

VIOLA:

Mr. John Fitchuk	630-202-1546
The Hall School of Music	630-221-5555
String Academy of Chicago(in Glen Ellyn)	630-682-1906
Bellas Artes Studio	630-386-7680
Wheaton College Community School of the Arts	630-752-5567
Ms. Carol Westphal	630-742-6839
Mr. Silvester Bernhardt	630-400-8189
Maddie Vlach - high school tutor	630- 442-3387
Gretchen Bayert - high school tutor	630- 473-7584
Amanda Kregal - high school tutor	630- 750-2951
Ava Garzaro - high school tutor	331-250-2047

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Bellas Artes Studio	630-386-7680
Wheaton College Community School of the Arts	630-752-5567
Mrs. Ann Griffin	630-370-2695
Ms. Cathy Kuna	630.933-8207
Ms. Rachel Schuldt	630-835-6153
Cam Keller - high school tutor	630- 818-0733
Maya Kiple - high school tutor	224- 688-1965
Audrey Weaver - high school tutor	630-388-8507

BASS:

String Academy of Chicago(in Glen Ellyn)	630-682-1906
Ms. Virginia Dixon	630-629-2860
Ms. Christina Dickenson	630-724-7236
Mr. Dan Anderson	773-497-6580
Mr. Mike Lewis	630-653-0354
Mrs. Megan Zulozar	630-653-4132
Ben Battisto - high school tutor	630- 449-9553

Original Sheet Music

All original parts need to be returned to your director at the end of each concert. You may only write in pencil in your part. If you lose or destroy a part, it is your responsibility to purchase and order a new part. Certain parts may take up to 3 weeks to be delivered. You must give the exact title, composer and arranger of the music to order it. Please be careful with your music. Parts can be ordered through:

J.W. Pepper & So, Inc.
Toll free (800)345-6296

Quinlan and Fabish Music
(630)654-4111

Orchestra Handbook Confirmation

Please sign and return this sheet to Ms. Alemis at galemis@d41.org by September 4.

We have read the Glen Ellyn District 41 Orchestra Handbook and agree to the expectations of participating in the Orchestra program. I acknowledge my responsibility as a member of the District 41 Orchestra Program.

Print Student Name: _____

School Attended: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Students Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

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