



Palm Beach Public Orchestral Strings

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Welcome to the 2023-2024 Palm Beach Public Orchestral Strings program! Students may be placed on probation if they fail to follow the Choice Program's academic, attendance or conduct expectations. The terms and conditions of probation will vary depending on the individual needs of each student and will be fully outlined in a probation contract between the student, the student's parent/legal guardian, and the school's administration.

1. Students will arrive on time, unpack, sit in assigned seat and be prepared to begin on time. Classes start promptly at **7:00 am** for morning class and **2:15 pm** for afternoon class. ***Students must not leave the room without permission.***
2. I understand that I will be placed on probation if I have 5 unexcused absences within a month or 10 unexcused absences within a 90-day period. Students who continue to accrue excessive unexcused absences while on Probation may be dismissed from the Choice Program.
3. I understand that failure to correct the cause(s) of probation in the next trimester can result in the dismissal from the Choice Program, and if applicable, the school.
4. I understand that if I am dismissed from a Choice Program, I will forfeit the right to apply for a Choice Program at this school in the future and must return to my home school.
5. I understand that I must follow school rules as well as the Palm Beach County School District's Code of Conduct and behave in ways that contribute to my academic achievement and that of other students at the school.
6. I understand that if I have level two discipline referrals in a marking period I will be placed on probation. A violation of the terms of probation will result in dismissal from the Choice Program and assignment back to my home school.
7. I understand if a level three or four code of conduct violation occurs, I will be referred to an Exit Committee that will meet to determine whether I will be dismissed from the Choice Program.
8. If I wish to exit the Choice Program voluntarily I must return to my home school, regardless of my grade level.
9. Students are expected to bring their instrument to *all* classes. (Exception-bass players and cellists who have arranged to use a school owned instrument.) ***Please make sure your child's instrument has a name tag on it! Parents are responsible for replacing lost or broken instruments.***
10. Students will come to class prepared. Students must practice at home to ensure rehearsals are smooth and productive. ***Consistent, at home practice is necessary to succeed in strings class.***
11. Orchestra assignments, instrument changes and seat assignments in the orchestra are determined by Mr. Smith. Students must sit where assigned.

12. Students will be assigned to “Studio Classes” during their class Fine Arts times. They are expected to be prepared with their instruments on these days. Each grade will have studio class for one half of the school year.
13. Student drop off and pick up will be on Seaview Ave. Drop off is between **6:45 am and 7:00 am**. For both morning drop off and afternoon pick up, ***please remain in your car***. If you need to speak to Mr. Smith for any reason (instrument needs, audition questions, attendance issues, etc.) please contact him directly. ***Parents are not allowed to sit in the orchestra room during any rehearsals.***
14. Siblings or other students are not permitted in the music room or on campus prior to 7:30 a.m. Supervision is provided at 7:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Siblings or other students are not permitted in the music room during after school rehearsals.

Practice Expectations Like any life pursuit, consistent at home practice will ensure that students are successful and have a meaningful and fun experience. Regular home practice reinforces the learning concepts that are presented in class and is necessary to experience success in playing a musical instrument. To achieve this, students are expected to practice for 20 - 30 minutes per day (depending on grade level) in order to progress to their full potential. Students should work on correct posture, bow hands, rhythms, note reading, scales, and concert music. Students should be practicing small sections (i.e. trouble spots) and not simply playing concerts for themselves.

In order for students to be successful, the parents are encouraged to:

1. Provide a quiet place for practice (free from electronic devices and other distractions).
2. Encourage regular practice in a positive manner. Students may not be able to hear/perceive daily improvement, but it is happening.
3. Encourage daily practice. Short concentrated efforts are more productive. Just like any other school subject, music has daily homework.
4. Listen to your student play. Give encouragement and praise and show commitment to their study. Some aspects of music can be learned very quickly while other techniques may require more practice.

I have received and reviewed this Choice Student Contract and understand the academic, attendance and conduct expectations of students participating in Choice programs.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Program Expectations/Contact Sheet

2023-2024

Your child will not be allowed to begin strings classes until this form is completed and turned in.

Student Name (Last, First)			
Student Address		City	Zip Code
Grade	PBP Homeroom Teacher	Instrument	Assigned Orchestra

<i>Mother or Guardian</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>
<i>Address</i>	<i>Work Phone</i>
<i>City</i> <i>Zip Code</i>	<i>Cell Phone</i>
<i>E-Mail</i>	<i>Best Daytime Phone #</i>
<i>Father or Guardian</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>
<i>Address</i>	<i>Work Phone</i>
<i>City</i> <i>Zip Code</i>	<i>Cell Phone</i>
<i>E-Mail</i>	<i>Best Daytime Phone #</i>

Please circle where your child will go after dismissal from afternoon strings. This will remain in effect all year. Any changes *must* be made in writing and emailed to Mr. Smith. Randolph.Smith@palmbeachschools.org

Following afternoon strings, my child will go to (circle one):		
<i>Parent pick up</i>	<i>Rec Center</i>	<i>Aftercare</i>

Please list the names of any person other than the parent allowed to pick up the student after strings:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to student</i>	<i>Home Phone</i>	<i>Best Daytime Phone</i>
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Please provide a password that will be used by anyone other than a parent/guardian when picking up your student:

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Does your child have a private strings teacher? YES NO

<i>Name of Private Strings Teacher</i>	<i>Private Teacher's Phone #</i>

I look forward to a successful and rewarding year for your child! Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you!