

## **Jefferson MS Orchestra Frequently Asked Questions**

### **WILL I BE PLACED IN ORCHESTRA IF I PUT IN ON MY SCHEDULE?**

**Absolutely! Orchestra is never full! All you need to do is put orchestra as one of your 2 elective choices on your class registration OR FILL OUT A PE WAIVER TO GET 3 ELECTIVES OF YOUR CHOOSING.**

### **WHAT INSTRUMENTS CAN I LEARN TO PLAY IN ORCHESTRA?**

**The violin, viola, cello, and bass are the instruments offered to learn in Statesmen Orchestra.**

### **DO I GET TO PICK WHAT INSTRUMENT I LEARN TO PLAY?**

**The string instrument will pick you. Ms. Butler will work with you to ensure that the instrument you choose to play is the one where you will be the most successful and enjoy playing.**

### **DO I NEED TO KNOW ANYTHING BEFORE TAKING ORCHESTRA?**

**No! Ms. Butler will teach you everything you need to know. Students only need to bring a positive attitude and a desire to learn.**

### **WHAT ORCHESTRA CLASSES ARE OFFERED AT JEFFERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL?**

**Beginning, intermediate, and advanced orchestra classes are offered at Jefferson Middle School. Ms. Butler will work with you and your current music teacher to place you in the level of orchestra class where you will be most successful.**

### **WHEN IS ORCHESTRA CLASS?**

**All Statesmen Orchestra classes occur every day during the school day. Students will have a designated class period like their MESH classes and will learn to play their instrument during that time.**

### **CAN I BE IN MORE THAN ONE ORCHESTRA CLASS?**

**Yes! There are many students who take more than one orchestra class to learn multiple instruments. All you need to do is simply sign-up on your class registration.**

### **HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO BE IN ORCHESTRA?**

**There is no orchestra fee. Whether you rent an instrument from the school or store, every student will have a quality instrument to play. Scholarships for qualifying students are available for materials and instruments. No student will be denied being in orchestra for financial reasons.**

### **WHAT IS THE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMITMENT FOR ORCHESTRA?**

**In Beginning, Concert, and Chamber Orchestras, students perform in 3 concerts during the school year. In rare instances, there is some additional practice commitments for those students in the more advanced groups.**

### **WHAT TYPE OF PARENTAL COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED?**

**All that is asked from parents is that they make sure their young musicians have the appropriate equipment and support them in their new endeavor.**

### **CAN I BE A PART OF OTHER ACTIVITIES AND BE IN ORCHESTRA?**

**Yes! In orchestra, students are involved in many activities from other music classes to athletics. Ms. Butler encourages all orchestra students in all their interests.**