

TORREY PINES HIGH SCHOOL Orchestra

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED

ESTIMATED HOMEWORK : includes performances, rehearsals, and practice

PREREQUISITES: NONE

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Orchestra

This is a year-long course for intermediate to advanced string students seeking to explore their creative and musical skills. Orchestra is a comprehensive course that is designed to provide students an opportunity for study in a variety of solo, chamber, and large ensemble orchestral literature. This will be accomplished through rehearsals, individual practice, written and playing assignments, and performances. Students will understand the cultural and artistic relevance of the repertoire and the role of the musician in a given societal context. Students will improve their playing and performance skills as well as understand and apply knowledge of music theory and history as related to the repertoire.

Through this course, students will:

- 1.) Learn and demonstrate fundamental playing skills and techniques (scales, arpeggios, bowing styles)
- 2.) Apply a basic knowledge of music theory to daily rehearsals, performances and assignments.
- 3.) Learn a demanding list of repertoire throughout the year (ensemble/chamber music and optional solo work.)
- 4.) Improve playing and sightreading technique and musicianship.
- 5.) Participate in quarterly group & individual goals/assessments.
- 6.) Contribute to the school community through numerous performance activities.
- 7.) Effectively practice assigned music as well as written assignments outside of class.

GRADING:

Participation -active participation; attentiveness; being prepared; attendance in class, at rehearsals, and performances

Tests/Quizzes -announced/unannounced, playing & written quizzes/tests

Assignments -may include: reflections, concert critiques, worksheets, theory/composition/history assignments, research, listening exercises

SYLLABUS:

Available on teacher website

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

Must be taken as a consecutive 2 semester course for UC/CSU “g” credit

