

Symphonic Strings – 2021-2022

Instructor: Ms. Kylie Ahern

Class Period: 7th

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Location: Room 306

Online Classroom Information:

- Google Classroom class code: 36s63ty
- Google Classroom will be used for turning in weekly practice logs. There will also be extra copies of sheet music, links to musical recordings, and reminders for upcoming assignments due posted in Google Classroom.

Concert Performances:

Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. [Note: Concerts are not 100% confirmed yet due to COVID. This is the tentative date we will plan for]

Winter Concert: Beginning, Concert, Symphonic & Chamber Strings. The concert will take place at Trinity Heights Methodist Church at 3600 N Fourth St. Tickets: \$5 at the door. Free for NPA faculty and students.

Monday, May 16, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. [Note: Concerts are not 100% confirmed yet due to COVID. This is the tentative date we will plan for]

Spring Concert: Beginning, Concert, Symphonic & Chamber Strings. The concert will take place at Trinity Heights Methodist Church at 3600 N Fourth St. Tickets: \$5 at the door. Free for NPA faculty and students.

Concert attire for 2021-2022

All gentlemen will wear:

black **long-sleeved** dress shirts

tie (same as last year - \$11 to buy or \$5 each time to borrow)

black slacks (no black jeans!)

black shoes (no sneakers!) and black socks

All ladies will wear:

3/4-sleeve jewel neck black top (cost: \$35, includes shipping); I will order on 9/16

[if you would like to see this top, go to #M9783AA in black at:

<https://www.formalfashionsinc.com/26-style-m9783aa.html>]

black slacks (no leggings, no jeggings, nothing that looks "painted on", no capri-length)

black shoes with black hose, trouser socks, or socks

Course Description:

Symphonic Strings is a course for students who are familiar with playing an orchestral string instrument in a group setting and interested in further developing their ensemble skills. Students will be challenged with more advanced string repertoire, as well as more advanced string techniques such as shifting, vibrato, and three octave scales. Members of this group will be offered the opportunity to compete in regional/state competitions. This group will perform regularly throughout the year. Pre-requisite: Concert Strings or have completed a placement audition with Ms. Ahern in Spring 2021.

Late Work:

Please communicate with me through email or in person if there is a problem **before** the assignment is due. If there is clear communication about a problem (internet issue, illness in the family, etc.), I will be understanding and work with the student on a case-by-case basis and accept late work without penalty.

However, if there is no communication prior to the due date, I will assume the student forgot to complete the assignment on time and one point will be deducted each day the assignment is late.

Grading:

Grading for this year will be based on the same scale for all quarters. Only the content of the Playing Quizzes will change. These are the approximate values:

Concert preparation	30%	(includes playing quizzes)
Concert performance	30%	
Homework assignments	15%	
Attention/attitude	15%	
Final Exam	10%	

Homework will consist of Sight Reading Factory assignments, theory worksheets, listening assignments, and practice logs.

Part of your responsibility as a student at NPA is to come to each class every day with all materials you need. In this class, that means your instrument (and accessories), music, and a pencil. There may be a penalty in students' grades for any class member who routinely "forgets" their instrument, music, or pencil.

Instrument Rental Information:

String Instruments can be rented from:

- NPA – limited supply. Email me to check on availability: kahern@northlandprep.org
- Arizona Music Pro - <https://azmusicpro.com/band-and-backline-rentals>
- Milano's Music - <https://milanomusic.com/rentals/>

Classroom Rules:

- All NPA rules apply within the strings classroom
- No phones in class
- All string students will respect one another in and out of the classroom. The strings classroom will always be a safe and welcoming space to all NPA students
- Always strive for excellence

Please note: Ms. Ahern reserves the right to make changes as she sees fit throughout the school year.