



2023-2024 South County High School Common Syllabus

South County holds itself in high regard, and each teacher, content area, and separate course will abide by the following standards for all students.

ORCHESTRA - Concert Orchestra (923815), Symphonic Orchestra (923915), Philharmonic Orchestra (923917), Chamber Orchestra (923916)

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1. Digital Learning Consent

At South County High School, our teachers will use a variety of digital resources to support student learning and promote communication and collaboration with students and families. Some of the digital resources your child may use this year will require your consent before they can be used.

2. Course Description

One Year Course	1 Credit (Fees required)
Honors Levels	Receive .5 GPA bump see Handbook for details
Objective	Performance in Orchestra
Prerequisite	Audition with Director of Orchestra (Advanced Level Only)

3. Course Objectives

Students will learn how to produce characteristic tone quality on their instrument, develop skills in note and rhythm reading and demonstrate the ability to perform with proper intonation, articulation, balance, blend and musicianship through participation in orchestra. Please note, rehearsals and performances outside of normal school hours will be required as part of this course.

4. Materials/Texts Required

<i>Required Materials</i>	Instrument and bow in good working condition, rosin, tuning app, metronome, shoulder rest (violin, viola), end-pin stop (cello, bass)
<i>Suggested Materials</i>	Music stand, practice mute, extra set of strings
<i>Software Used</i>	Schoology, Zoom, Sight Reading Factory

There is a course fee of \$50 associated with this course. Student fees will be invoiced directly through [MySchoolBucks](#) and are to be paid through the MySchoolBucks system. Payments can be made via credit card or check. Invoices are expected to be uploaded by mid-September. Students who need to pay by cash or check should speak to their instructor directly. Students who qualify for [free & reduced meals](#) may also qualify to have their class fees waived or reduced by completing the [consent to share](#) form and returning it to the Student Services office. Hard copies of this form are also available in the Student Services office.

5. Grading Scale

A (93-100) = 4.0	C (73-76) = 2.0
A- (90-92) = 3.7	C- (70-72) = 1.7
B+ (87-89) = 3.3	D+ (67-69) = 1.3
B (83-86) = 3.0	D (64-66) = 1.0
B- (80-82) = 2.7	F (0-63) = 0.0
C+ (77-79) = 2.3	

6. Gradebook Information

All teachers will be using a quarterly gradebook, which calculates final grades by averaging each quarter equally at 22% of the overall grade and the final exam at 12% of the overall course grade.

- **Quarter grades** are weighted with a quarterly weight of 22% per quarter.
- **Final grades** are determined by a combination of the weighted quarters and the weighted final examination.

No one assignment can weigh more than 30%. A reminder that each category will need at least two items per quarter. **These are the category weighting guidelines for all general education and honors courses:**

- **Homework/Practice - 10%**
- **Classwork - 20%**
- **Formative Assessments - 25%**
- **Summative Assessments - 45%**

Per FCPS Grading and Reporting, a student will receive a zero for assignments that are not turned in. However, the minimum quarter grade will be no lower than a 50.

A 55% is the minimum grade for an assignment turned in.

Teachers are expected to grade assignments and post grades within seven school days after the due date with the understanding that major projects/papers may require additional time to ensure quality feedback.

FCPS requires teachers to record a minimum of 9 grades over the course of a quarter.

7. Comment Codes for SIS

NTI (Not Turned In) - Student has not yet turned in the assignment. This comment carries a score of 0.

LA (Late) - The student handed in the assignment late. There is a 10% penalty for late work. All late work must be turned in within two weeks of the due date. There will be no late work accepted the last week of the quarter.

AB (Absent) - The student was not present in class, and the missing work must be completed. This comment code carries no penalty and can be changed to a grade or NTI if the assignment does not get turned in.

EXC (Excused) - The student has been excused from doing this assignment. There is no penalty associated with this code.

NYG (Not Yet Graded) - The student has turned in the assignment, but the assignment has not yet been graded. This comment code is removed when scored.

8. Enrichment Activity

At South County High School, students will no longer be afforded the opportunity to earn extra credit for tasks that are not related to the curriculum. We will allow students to participate in Enrichment Activities. Enrichment activities are for a student who has completed an activity during the course of study that is beyond the required work in the classroom in order to further his or her understanding of a concept. It is counted as a separate grade and ties to a skill in that content area. Students will not be given extra points or grades for activities such as bringing in classroom materials, providing parent signatures, participating in fundraising/charitable events or participating in non-curricular activities. Enrichment Activities should always benefit a student. If a student does poorly on the optional Enrichment Activity, no grade should be entered.

9. Late Work Policy

Teachers expect students to complete and turn in assignments even when late. Students have 10 days from the due date to turn in late work.

- If a student does not turn in an assignment, the placeholder NTI (Not Turned In) should be entered into the grade book and will be calculated as a zero.
- There is a 10% penalty associated with late assignments.
- IPA's will only be accepted until the end of each concert cycle.

10. Make Up Work Policy

Students have one school day for each excused absence to make up missed work for full credit.

11. Retakes of Summative/Major Assessments

A student has up to 10 school days to retake a summative assessment.

- For summative/major assessments, one new opportunity to demonstrate proficiency shall be provided to any student who scores below an 80% on the summative assessment *and* who completes corrective action as determined by the collaborative team. Students who score below an 80%, complete the corrective action, and retest, can earn up to an 80% on the retake.

- In order to be eligible for a retake, the student must attend at least 2 Stallion Time tutoring sessions prior to the retake.
- Per FCPS Grading and Reporting final exams are not eligible for a retake.

12. Final Exam

- The final examination will account for 12% of the total course grade.
- A student who has earned an A at the end of the year for a course can be exempt from taking the final exam and/or final assessment. Students enrolled in courses that have a culminating project/activity (i.e. a portfolio project) that lasts over the course of multiple units or quarters will still be required to complete the final assessment.

13. South County High School Honor Code

The South County Honor Code is based on and reflects the fundamental beliefs that:

- Every student has the right to learn in an academic environment free from any form of intellectual dishonesty;
- Honesty and integrity of all members of the school community are crucial in sustaining academic excellence.

The functions of the South County Honor Code are to:

- Communicate the meaning and importance of intellectual honesty to all members of the school community
- Explain and support the highest standards of conduct in academic and co-curricular affairs; and
- Educate, identify, and sanction those who do not follow these standards.

The Honor Council is the faculty panel charged with supporting the Honor Code should a student appeal the decision made by the administrator.

[South County High School Honor Code Guidelines](#)

14. Technology/Cell Phone Expectations

No cell phone use, headphones, or use of smart watches during class time.

Cell phones, smart watches, and headphones may be used on campus before the first bell, after the last bell, during passing periods, and during lunch. Students are expected to have their cell phones silenced and stored at the beginning of class and not accessed during all instructional periods. Students are also not permitted to wear headphones during instructional time. Students are also not permitted to text, make phone calls, or use their smart watches during instructional time. Cell phones and headphones may be stored in a locker, backpack, pencil bag, etc. during classes.

[FCPS & SCHS Cell Phone Policy](#)

[**Syllabus Acknowledgement Form**](#)