

# MONTA VISTA MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – STRING ORCHESTRA

### Important Dates

Debut Concert (Thursday) -	10/2/14	6:30pm – 9:00pm
Winter Concert (Friday) -	1/30/15	6:30pm – 9:00pm
MVHS Festival (Wednesday) -	4/1/15	AM or Early PM
CMEA Festival @ Santa Teresa HS -	4/4/15	Times TBD
Spring Concert (Friday) -	5/15/15	6:30pm – 9:00pm

(dress rehearsal Thursday after school 5/14/15)

### Rehearsal Procedures & Responsibilities:

1. Be on time to class! You must be in the room before the tardy bell.
2. Prepare for class.
3. Set up your stand & chair. Arrange your music and any other equipment needed for the session.
4. WARM UP.
5. Be ready to start 5 minutes after the tardy bell.
6. Observe proper rehearsal procedures:
  - Listen actively! Talking is unnecessary.
  - Focus on the rehearsal process. Would you practice scales in AP Calculus?!
  - When instruction is being given, eyes and ears forward!
  - Play with passion and enjoy the music!
  - After rehearsal, put everything away in its proper place.
7. Instrument and equipment must be in excellent working condition.
8. No food, drinks, or gum allowed in the band room. Consequence is 30 minute detention.
9. Practice regularly and have your part prepared to add into the full ensemble. Rehearsal is your time to learn everyone else's part! Students who fall behind, or would like extra help, in learning their parts will be offered help outside of the rehearsal time. Grade will be lowered if the student fails to attend the help session.

## GRADING

- Due to the nature of the activity, ensemble rehearsals cannot be made-up.
- Multiple absences (excused or unexcused) may result in the student's removal from the class.
- A missed performance lowers the grade two letter-grades for each occurrence.
- Each unexcused absence (cut) from a practice session lowers the grade a letter for each occurrence.
- Tardies lower the grade as follows:

3 = A-	7 = C	Conference with parents and students
4 = B+	8 = D	
5 = B	9 = D-	
6 = B-	Letter home to parents	10 = F Request student to leave class.
- A student may make up the unexcused tardies and absences. Detention will be assigned as follows:
  - 30 minutes for each tardy
  - 2 hours for each cut
  - 4 hours for each missed concert
- Unexcused absences and tardies are cumulative throughout the semester.
- The teacher can require a student to drop the class when his/her behavior or conduct is detrimental to the success of the ensemble.
- **The Music Department will strictly honor and adhere to the Fremont Union High School District Academic Honesty Policy and all students will be expected to abide by it.**