

# *Handbook 2023-24*



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BMSS: 830-357-3384

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A Day: BMSS - D 101

1st Period: Conference

2nd Period: BMSS Beginner Orchestra

3rd Period: BMSS Honors Orchestra

4th Period: BMSS Philharmonic Orchestra

B Day: CHS - E 126

5th Period: Honors Orchestra

6th Period: Concert Orchestra

7th Period: Philharmonic Orchestra

8th Period: Conference

Information contained herein concern goals, policies, and procedures of the Champion Orchestra Program in accordance with Boerne-Champion HS, district, state, and federal regulations.

### GOALS:

Through the study of orchestral music...

- students will gain a better understanding and appreciation of “classical” music by improving their abilities to play stringed instruments, listen and communicate.
- students will have a greater appreciation and understanding of other academic subjects, develop an overall passion for learning and excellence, and a love for their community.
- students will develop essential life skills such as teamwork, commitment, responsibility, and self-discipline through individual and group activities.

### COMMITMENT:

By joining the orchestra program, each student is required to make a commitment to the organization and its members. Respect and excellence are everyone’s responsibility and it is expected from everyone at all times.

### MATERIALS:

Each student is required to have the following items in order to participate successfully in the Champion HS Orchestra:

1. an instrument - basses are provided at school for a nominal fee (see LOAN POLICY)
2. a method book - Several methods books will be used through the school year; they will be provided by the CHS orchestra program.
3. a shoulder rest for violins and violas
4. a pencil (no pens) for marking music
5. an extra set of strings (except bass students)
6. rosin
7. a cleaning cloth
8. tuners and metronomes (highly recommended for home practice)
9. music folder (provided by the CHS orchestra program)
10. rock-stop (cellos/basses)



### REHEARSAL/STAGE ETIQUETTE:

- Exhibit great etiquette in concerts and rehearsals – correct posture; nothing in your mouths or ears; cell phones inside your instrument cases; no hats or sunglasses.
- Be respectful at all times, which includes choice of words and tone.
- Stop playing when the director stops and is giving instructions.
- Share rosin, pencils, etc., by passing items (not throwing).
- Tune, warm-up, and be seated no later than 3 minutes after the bell.
- Violin/viola cases will be placed on the right side of the assigned seat.
- Display a positive attitude and loyalty to one another and the orchestra program at all times.
- Students are not allowed in the orchestra room without supervision, and this applies before and after school. (You will know I am on campus if my office light is “on”).
- For security, always lock your lockers. Food, gum, and drinks are NOT allowed in the Orchestra Room. *At no time are food/drinks allowed in the auditorium.*

## GRADES:

### Category: Minor = 50%

- Weekly grade:
  - Orchestra Journal: submitted on Google Classroom at the end of each week.
  - Participation in class: Group Work-Sectionals (responsibility, preparation)
  - Before/after-school rehearsals/sectionals (as needed)

### Category: Major = 50%

- Performance grade:
  - Concerts (Fall Concert, Winter Concert, Spring Concert)
  - Dress Rehearsals (Fall Concert, Winter Concert, Spring Concert)
- Tests: *All playing tests have to be submitted on Google Classroom*
  - Playing Test (video recording)
  - Seating Test (video recording)

**IMPORTANT:** Any playing test submitted after the due date will automatically get deducted 20 points. No playing test will be accepted after a week of the due date; after a week is a "0".

Each grading period consists of Formative Assessments and Summative Assessments. Most grading periods include a concert (*concerts and dress rehearsals are mandatory and comprise summative assessments*). To receive full credit, students are required to be in their seats on time for tuning and dressed in proper attire. If a student cannot participate in a concert due to an excusable reason (per District policy), then he/she must bring a signed note of verification from the parent or physician, stating the reason for the absence.

With ample notice, morning and/or after-school rehearsals will be scheduled as needed, especially for those students competing in Region and UIL competitions.

## COMPETITIONS:

Students are encouraged to audition for the Region 29 Orchestra and to participate in the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest. *Any student who participates in these events will get a 100%. That grade will replace the lowest grade of the current grading period.* In addition, all of our musical activities are curricular or co-curricular. Students must be passing all of their other classes in order to be eligible to participate.

## MUSIC FOLDERS:

Every orchestra student is required to maintain a folder containing the Orchestra Handbook, orchestra calendar, music, pencils, and other pertinent items at all times. To make sure the music is properly marked with correct bowings, dynamics, fingerings, etc., random music folder checks will be conducted without notice by orchestra officers or designees. Failure to maintain a proper music folder will result in seat demotions, grade penalties, etc.

## AWARDS:

There are many opportunities for students to earn awards in orchestra. Students receive awards for winning positions in the Region 29 orchestras, scoring “Superior” ratings at UIL Concert & Sight-reading Competition, UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest, and the Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest. One student from the entire orchestra program will receive a “Department Award” and one student from each orchestra will receive a “Most Outstanding Musician” and “Most Improved Musician” certificate for exemplary attributes and achievements in orchestra at the Orchestra Banquet.

The **Texas Music Scholar Award** is a state level award given to music students who exemplify attributes of meritorious performance in the areas of scholarship, musicianship, and citizenship by meeting the following criteria during the current school year:

- Is a viable member of the school’s parent musical organization for the entire school year.
- Maintains in all coursework an overall “A” average as defined by the local school district for the entire school year.
- Maintains academic eligibility for the entire school year.
- Participates in all scheduled events of the parent organization.
- Attends, as an audience member, two director-approved concert events of high school, collegiate or professional level during a school year.
- Has auditioned, been selected, and participated as required in a TMEA or ATSSB organization (band, orchestra, or choir).
- Performs a UIL Prescribed Music List Class 1 solo for a competition or public performance.
- Consistently exhibits behavior which brings honor to the parent organization, school and community.

## UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS:

**District policy requires a \$40 uniform rental fee due by Thursday, August 31, 2023.**

- District Issued Uniforms: Black Dress/Tuxedo Jacket, Pants, White Shirt, bow tie, cummerbund
- Black Dress shoes and black socks (no athletic shoes/beachwear)

Orchestra students are required to wear formal uniforms as provided by the district. Without exception, black shoes and black socks must be worn with uniforms. Students who do not adhere to uniform policy will be penalized; i.e. grades will be lowered, and they may or may not be allowed to perform on stage.

Lost/damaged items must be replaced at borrower’s cost. CHS uniforms must be **professionally DRY-CLEANED**. After the final concert of the year, all students must return their uniforms for cleaning. Students who fail to **return uniforms by May 10, 2024** must have their uniforms professionally cleaned at their own expense and provide proof of purchase (receipt).

**Caution: DO NOT CUT district-issued uniforms.** To adjust pant and dress lengths, hem to desired lengths or use adhesive tape.

## INSTRUMENT LOAN POLICY:

Students who borrow school instruments are responsible for the general maintenance of the instruments. **District policy requires borrowers to pay an \$80 instrument rental fee (\$40/semester). The fee is due on Thursday, August 31, 2023.** If the instrument is damaged or lost, it is the responsibility of the borrower to pay an additional amount to cover the loss or repair of the instrument. If a student borrows two instruments, the cost does not double. Repairs on school instruments are made by district-approved repairmen only. You may purchase your own instrument insurance.

Other lost/damaged materials must be replaced/repaired by the borrower for the cost of replacement/repair. **There is a \$10 charge to replace lost orchestra locks (as they are custom locks).** In general, students will be held accountable for items they borrow from school.

## CALENDAR, REMIND and GOOGLE CLASSROOM:

Efforts have been made to produce a calendar for the entire school year so that any conflict can be resolved in advance. All dates and times are subject to change - a notice of such changes will be given well in advance-(see BOERNE- SAMUEL V. CHAMPION HS ORCHESTRA CALENDAR 2023-24)

**Google Classroom: Honors Orchestra (5th Period) - Code: w2s3p5z**

**Google Classroom: Concert Orchestra (6th Period) - Code: x6mqptr**

**Google Classroom: Philharmonic Orchestra (7th Period) - Code: znxsrz2**

Remind: text 81010@chschar (CHS Charger Orchestra 2023-24)

<https://www.remind.com/join/chscharg>

## ORCHESTRA ACTIVITY FEE:

In order for us to operate at a high level we must supplement our budget. The **\$50 orchestra activity fee, due by Thursday, August 31, 2023**, will provide the supplies needed for an outstanding orchestra program. This will cover the Champion Charger Orchestra t-shirt and supplies such as: sheet music, method books, music folders, rosin, strings, rock stop, shoulder rest, metronome/tuner, and other music equipment. This will also cover Region 29 Fees, UIL Solo and Ensemble Fees, UIL fees, judges and clinicians' fees, among others.

*I will never allow finances to be a reason for your child to not participate in Orchestra. If any of the fees will cause a major burden to your family, please let me know so that we can work out a payment plan.*

## BOERNE CHARGER ORCHESTRA PARENT ORGANIZATION (BCOPO):

Boerne Charger Orchestra Parent Organization was formed to “teach our kids an appreciation and love for playing instruments, hearing great music and supporting live performances”. BCOPO sponsors all fundraisers for the Champion HS orchestra program for the benefit of every student. BCOPO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and donations are deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donations of any kind are accepted and appreciated.

Facebook: Boerne Charger Orchestra Parent Org.

Website: <https://www.bcopo.org/>

**CHAMPION CHARGER ORCHESTRA**  
**CALENDAR 2023-24**

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION/TIME
Region 29 Auditions	Saturday, October 14	Sonia Sotomayor HS/8:00 am
<b>Fall Concert Dress Rehearsal</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 25</b>	<b>CHS Auditorium/5:20 pm</b>
<b>Fall Concert</b>		<b>CHS Auditorium/7:00 pm</b>
TMEA All-State Recording	Saturday, October 28	Brandeis HS/8:00 am
Region 29 Clinic and Concert	Fri/Sat, December 8/9	Stevens HS Clinic: Friday/6:00 pm/Saturday all day Concert: Saturday 5:00 pm
<b>Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal</b>	<b>Monday, December 11</b>	<b>CHS Auditorium/5:20 pm</b>
<b>Winter Concert</b>		<b>CHS Auditorium/7:00 pm</b>
TMEA Clinic-Convention/All State	Wed-Sat, February 7-10	Convention Center/All Day
<b>Pre-UIL Contest</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 13</b>	<b>CHS Auditorium/5:00 pm</b>
UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest	Saturday, February 24	Orchestra Room-Choir Room/10:00 am
<b>UIL Concert &amp; Sight-Reading Contest</b>	<b>Feb. 27-28-29</b>	<b>Clark HS/TBA</b>
Orchestra Trip	Saturday, March 23	Mo-Ranch/8:00 am
BISD String Fling Dress Rehearsal	TBA ( <i>April</i> )	TBA /7:00 pm TBA /5:00 pm
<b>Spring Concert Dress Rehearsal</b>	<b>Thursday, May 2</b>	<b>CHS Auditorium/5:20 pm</b>
<b>Spring Concert</b>		<b>CHS Auditorium/7:00 pm</b>
Orchestra Banquet	TBA ( <i>May</i> )	TBA
State Solo and Ensemble Contest	May 25/27	Austin Area/TBA

**\*\*\*PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE\*\*\***

*Due on Wednesday, August 31*

I have read the Orchestra Handbook and agree to the goals, policies, and procedures set forth in it. In order for my child to be successful in orchestra, he/she must follow the handbook. If my child is unable to follow the handbook, he/she may lose orchestra privilege.

**Student Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Student Cell Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Email** \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent Cell Number** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ *I want to receive emails from the BCOPO (Boerne Charger Orchestra Parent Organization)*

**\*\*\* Student Orchestra T-Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEDIA RELEASE FORM:** BISD wishes to use your child's image and/or full name in an official publication and/or official video product. Furthermore, your child's image and/or abbreviated name may be posted on the official Champion Charger Orchestra social media to recognize your child's achievements.

\_\_\_\_\_ You have my permission to use my child's image and/or first name as described above, and I give permission to my school to send the information to the BISD Communications Department.

\_\_\_\_\_ You do not have my permission.

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Parent Signature

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**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:** please fill out a district form (available online) and return it to Dr. Barreto. Best time to help: *(please check all that apply)*

\_\_\_\_\_ mornings \_\_\_\_\_ afternoons \_\_\_\_\_ evenings \_\_\_\_\_ weekends

Areas of interest or expertise: *(please check all that apply)*

\_\_\_\_\_ Uniforms \_\_\_\_\_ Clean-up Crew \_\_\_\_\_ Chaperone \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Fundraisers \_\_\_\_\_ Stage/events decorations \_\_\_\_\_ Food Service (before concerts/events)

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**DISTRICT REQUIRED ORCHESTRA FEES:** *Because of our accounting practices, each fee will require a separate check made out to Boerne-Champion High School Orchestra. **The fees can also be paid online:** <https://boerneisd.revtrak.net/> (go to the CHS website, quick links at the bottom, then Boerne ISD Revtrak Online payment)*

- \$50 CHS Orchestra Activity fee..... Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_
- \$40 CHS Orchestra uniform rental fee..... Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_
- \$80 CHS Orchestra instrument rental fee..... Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_



**PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM FOR STUDENT EVENT, ACTIVITY OR TRAVEL**

I am the parent, guardian, conservator, foster parent, or other person having custody of the following student(s):

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I give my express consent for my son and/or daughter to participate in the following events, activities, or travel:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Recruitment Events/Performances at the Elementary Schools and MS.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cookies and Cocoa Event: December
- \_\_\_\_\_ **UIL Concert & Sight Reading Contest: February 27-28-29, 2024**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other CHS Orchestra events

*Final dates/information will be emailed later on. This document will be filled out once and will be on file for all the events.*

I acknowledge and understand that by law a school district is generally immune from liability except for those situations that involve the application of excessive disciplinary force or where property or person are harmed or damaged through the negligent use of a motor vehicle operated by the District. I, therefore, understand that the Boerne ISD is not under any circumstances responsible for injury or harm to my son and/or daughter unless legal exceptions would somehow apply. I also acknowledge that the Boerne ISD does not provide independent medical insurance for this event, activity or travel and is not legally responsible for my child’s medical expenses under any circumstances. Finally, I acknowledge that District and campus rules and the Student Code of Conduct apply to my student while he or she is participating in this event, activity, or travel.

I am notifying the faculty, staff, or sponsors of this event or activity of the following medical (including special medications) or physical considerations or limitations as applicable to my son and/or daughter:

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Because of the foregoing listed medical or physical considerations or limitations, I am requesting that the following restrictions be placed on my son and/or daughter:

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Parent/Guardian/other person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Address and emergency contact number:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Personal health insurance information:

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