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ROCKWALL HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRAS

Student and Parent Handbook/Calendar Acknowledgment Form

Welcome to orchestra at RHS! Please review the RHS Orchestra Handbook & Calendar, complete this packet of forms, and return your paperwork no later than **Friday, August 26th**. Please make sure all forms are COMPLETE before you turn them in. **We will collect completed forms** (full and/or partial packets) **at the Paperwork/Fees table today**. If there's anything you can't finish today, please take the forms with you and bring them back to Mrs. Smith or Mr. Hocott once everything is completed.

Student Information

Student Name: _____ Instrument: _____

Orchestra Class: _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Please **initial** the following statements and sign/date below to indicate your agreement.

_____ *I have reviewed the RHS Orchestra Handbook and understand all requirements and expectations related to orchestra at RHS.*

_____ *I have put all required performance dates on my calendar. I understand that failure to attend any required events will negatively affect my grade and possibly my ensemble placement in the future.*

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

Preferred Phone Number(s): _____

Preferred Email(s): _____

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_____ *I agree for my student's photograph to be taken, used, and published for orchestra related purposes, including individual and group photos, in a digital and/or print format, such as for use on the website, social media, programs, commemorative posters/prints of the orchestra classes, etc.*

_____ *I consent to the use of Charms and the Remind app for student and parent communication throughout the year.*

_____ *I consent for the contact information provided on this form to be included in the RHS orchestra directory. This will allow members of the booster club to contact you with updates and information. The booster club is an integral part of the orchestra program, so we encourage all families to share their contact information even if you are unable to contribute to the booster club financially.*

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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ROCKWALL HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Orchestra Student Dues

Each orchestra student/family will be charged an Orchestra participation fee that covers the following items based on their orchestra class.

Concert & String Orchestras - \$75.00	JV & Varsity Orchestras - \$100.00
This fee covers the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchestra Binder (including dividers, pencil bag, etc.) • Orchestra T-Shirt • Sheet Music • Socials • Food • Clinicians 	This fee covers the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orchestra Binder (including dividers, pencil bag, etc.) • Orchestra T-Shirt • Sheet Music • Socials • Food • Clinicians • All-Region/All-State Entry Fees • Solo & Ensemble Entry Fees

This fee is designed to cover the basic operating expenses for each student. Additional monies may be collected throughout the year for optional expenses such as:

- Spring Trip
- Spirit Wear
- Accompanists
- Field Trips
- Banquet
- Other

STUDENT DUES SUBTOTAL (indicate amount due based on class): _____
Required for ALL Students

Stinger Strings Booster Club Membership

A supportive booster club is an essential part of any successful high school orchestra program. Our booster club organizes fundraisers to help cover clinicians, trips, social activities/banquets, etc. They also coordinate parent volunteer efforts and advocate for the needs of the orchestra program. Joining the booster club helps support these efforts financially and also gives you a vote on various booster-related matters.

**Booster Club Membership Dues - \$20.00 for Individual
\$30.00 for Family**

BOOSTER CLUB DUES SUBTOTAL: _____
Optional

**Please also be sure to fill out the "Booster Join Form" (in this packet) if you would like to join the booster club. Thank you for your support!!*

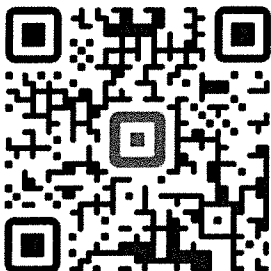
School Instrument Usage Fee

Cello and Bass students who play on a school-owned instrument during class are expected to pay an annual fee that helps with the upkeep of these instruments. If your student would like to bring their personal cello/bass to and from school each day, they do not need to pay this fee. If your student does not have their own instrument to use at home, please talk to an orchestra director about checking out a school-owned instrument (home use will require an additional fee).

Using school-owned cello/bass AT SCHOOL ONLY - \$35.00

SCHOOL INSTRUMENT USAGE SUBTOTAL: _____
Required for Cello/Bass Students Using a School Instrument

**Please also be sure to fill out the "School Instrument Use Form" if using a school cello/bass during class.*



STUDENT DUES SUBTOTAL: _____
BOOSTER CLUB DUES SUBTOTAL: _____
SCHOOL INSTRUMENT USAGE SUBTOTAL: _____
ADDITIONAL DONATION/OTHER EXPENSES: _____

TOTAL FEES DUE: _____

Payment Type (circle one): **Cash** Check # _____ Credit Card

Checks may be made out to "Stinger Strings."

Online credit card payments can be made via the following link (or by scanning the QR code above):
<https://stinger-strings.square.site/s/shop>

* Optional (complete both sides)

Private Lesson Information

Orchestra students in Rockwall ISD have the opportunity to take weekly 25-minute lessons during their orchestra class with a qualified instructor. Private lessons are tailored to each student's individual needs and pace in order to help them achieve the very best. Private lessons can help struggling students achieve mastery and can also challenge advanced students beyond the typical scope of an orchestra class. Private lessons are not "tutoring" or "remediation" but rather an opportunity for students to achieve new levels on their instrument.

Private lessons are the BEST investment you can make in your student's music education, and we strongly encourage ALL of our RHS orchestra students to take lessons!

Rockwall ISD has a number of qualified instructors for each instrument who can offer "pullout" private lessons both during the school day and before/after school. Students who are already taking lessons with a teacher at Rockwall School of Music or another home studio are encouraged to continue taking lessons with that teacher. However, we wanted to make everyone aware of the "pullout" lesson program. The Rockwall ISD instructors will charge a rate of **\$20 per 25-minute lesson**, which is very reasonable. There are a limited number of spots available, and these spots will be filled on a first come, first served basis.

If you are interested in enrolling your student in the Rockwall ISD private lesson program, please fill out BOTH sides of this form. The contact information you list below will be shared directly with the teacher(s) who offer lessons on your student's instrument.

Filling out this form is not a firm commitment that your student will enroll in lessons, but rather an indication of your interest in the lesson program. The private teacher will reach out to you (if spots are available in their schedule), and then you can decide whether to move forward with scheduling lessons. Families who choose to enroll in lessons will be expected to abide by all policies outlined in the official Rockwall ISD "Independent Contractor Guidelines for Music Private Lessons" document (see the back side of this form for details).

Student Name: _____

Instrument: _____ Grade Level: _____

Orchestra Class: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Place a check next to the days/times your student will likely be available for lessons (it's okay if this changes - just give your best guess). Private teachers may not be available at all of these times, but it helps them to know what students' schedules look like, so that they can be efficient with their scheduling.

_____ During the orchestra class period

_____ During _____ Lunch on A Days

_____ During _____ Lunch on B Days

_____ During an Off Period (List Off Periods Here: _____)

_____ Before School on the Following Days:

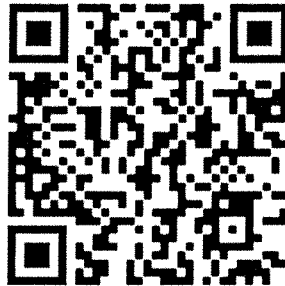
_____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Friday

_____ After School on the Following Days:

_____ Monday _____ Tuesday _____ Wednesday _____ Thursday _____ Friday

* Optional (complete both sides)

Please review the Rockwall ISD "Independent Contractor Guidelines for Music Private Lessons" document at <https://tinyurl.com/risdlessons>. This document can also be found by scanning the QR code below, and a limited number of hard copies are available at Orchestra Registration Day. Once you have read this document, please sign the contract below, indicating your agreement to the to the policies outlined by the district.



Rockwall
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Music Private Lessons Student and Parent Agreement

I have read and understand the policies, procedures, practices, and financial requirements outlined in the Rockwall Independent School District Independent Contractor Guidelines for Music Private Lesson Teachers. I agree to adhere to these guidelines as a condition for voluntary participation in the music private lesson program and understand that failure to meet attendance expectations or financial obligations will result in the student being removed from the music private lessons.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Student Printed Name

Student Signature

Date

Student ID #

Organization / Campus

Campus Music Teachers will retain a copy of the signed form on file through the duration of the school year. A new Acknowledgement Form must be completed each school year.

* Optional
(but highly encouraged!)



SUPPORT YOUR ORCHESTRA STUDENT

JOIN THE BOOSTER CLUB TODAY!

Just a few of the things your Stinger Strings Booster Club does for your orchestra program:

- ★ Guest Clinicians
- ★ Uniforms
- ★ Equipment
- ★ Competition Fees
- ★ Travel Expenses
- ★ Music Library
- ★ Concert Programs
- ★ Year-End Banquet
- ★ Spirit Wear

Name: _____ Phone: _____

e-Mail: _____ Student Name(s): _____

Individual Membership is only \$20.00. Family Membership is \$30.00.
Make checks payable to "Stinger Strings".

Parent Volunteer Opportunities

- Tux & Dress Fittings
- Solicit Sponsors
- Spirit Wear Distribution
- Chaperone at Concerts
- Senior Dinner/Banquet
- Concessions
- Photography & Portraits
- Hospitality at Concerts
- Just about anything, give me a call

BUSINESS AND PERSONAL SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Want to financially support the Orchestra even more?
Sponsorships are available at differing levels.

- ★ Diamond (\$1,000) ★ Platinum (\$500) ★ Gold (\$250) ★
- ★ Silver (\$150) ★ Friend of the Orchestra (\$100) ★

Please contact me about the details of becoming a Sponsor.

Or e-Mail rockwallorchestra@gmail.com or contact Rebecca at 972.971.4738.

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Business & Personal Sponsorship Opportunities



Support the fine arts in our community and take the opportunity to advertise in all the Rockwall High School Orchestra concert programs and on their website for the 2022-2023 concert season

Advertisements will run in the programs for all Rockwall High School Orchestra concerts held during the school year plus sponsorship posts to social media twice a semester. Concert programs are seen by more than 150 orchestra families and music lovers from Rockwall and the surrounding area.

- Advertising Levels:
- _____ **Diamond Level:** \$1,000
As a Diamond Level Sponsor, you will receive a private concert (pending calendar approval) by a student quartet/quintet at any personal or corporate event, a personal invitation to a concert with reserved seating and recognition as well as all Platinum Level sponsor benefits.
 - _____ **Platinum Level:** \$500
As a Platinum Level Sponsor, you will receive a full page color ad in the RHS Orchestra programs. Link from RHS Orchestra website to your business as well as two social media posts a semester for the 2021-2022 season.
 - _____ **Gold Level:** \$300
As a Gold Level Sponsor, you will receive a full page black & white ad in the RHS Orchestra programs as well as two social media posts a semester for the 2021-2022 season.
 - _____ **Silver Level:** \$200
As a Silver Level Sponsor, you will receive a one-half page ad in the RHS Orchestra programs for the 2021-2022 season.
 - _____ **Friend of the Orchestra:** \$100
As a Friend of the Orchestra, you will have your name listed in the RHS Orchestra programs for the 2021-2022 season.

Thank you so much for your support.

Sponsor: _____ Contact: _____

Phone: _____ e-Mail: _____

Text and artwork for advertisements, and **payments are due before October 1** in order to be included in the first program of the year. Checks should be made out to "Stinger Strings." Format should be .pdf or .jpg in the highest resolution possible. If you don't have an ad prepared, we're happy to help design an ad for you.

Send copy and inquiries to rockwallorchestra@gmail.com. For questions, contact Rebecca McDaniel at 972.971.4738.