

# MCLA Elective Handbook

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## **Welcome to Mueller Music Ensembles!**

**The following is a handbook which explains the purpose and benefits of the electives and projected outcomes of the program. Please read this handbook thoroughly. Please forward any questions that you may have.**

**Your child is about to embark on a wonderful adventure that should be part of every child's experience: learning a beautiful instrument at school and being a member of a synergizing musical ensemble. We, at Mueller Charter School welcome your child and hope he or she gains confidence from exploring the talent he or she possesses within.**

## **What can your child learn from these Electives?**

### **Teamwork**

**The ensembles coordinate individual abilities into one central effort. It gives children the feeling of group loyalty and motivation. Ensembles define and give the child an essential feeling of belonging.**

### **Discipline**

**The ensembles teach responsibility. Emphasis is placed on following instructions. Ensembles teach the child respect for music and group effect.**

### **Concentration**

**Attention to detail is vital in all education-related projects. Concentration built in the orchestra, band, and chorus often carries over to other areas, improving study habits, and increasing intellectual understanding and curiosity.**

### **Personal Achievement**

**Recognizing, meeting, and overcoming a challenge may be the single most rewarding experience of all. Ensemble participation offers that opportunity by providing a learning experience where growth and fulfillment can occur.**

### **Appreciation**

**Ensemble participation encourages respect and appreciation for aesthetic values and the beauty of the music created.**

## **ENSEMBLE EXPECTATIONS:**

### **Be Responsible:**

- **Take care of your instrument**
- **Bring materials to class**
- **Please show pride in your school by cleaning up all trash and clutter in the music room**

### **Be Respectful:**

- **Students should be respectful of the directors and other students**

### **Be Safe:**

- **Keep all hands, feet, and objects to yourself**
- **Be aware of your surroundings and move carefully**

## **OUTCOMES:**

**Students will burgeon with their talent and leadership. Students will also develop confidence and discipline which will carry through other areas of their life. Students will be able to read music, understand some theory, and will set on a course to continue in ensembles and perhaps get involved in community events and performances. A student may even be interested in pursuing music as a hobby for the next couple of years or even make it an eventual career!**

## Elective Contract

I have read this handbook thoroughly and have discussed each section with my child. I understand the content of each section and agree to support my child to the following:

Have enthusiasm for learning music!

Take utmost care of the instrument and materials.

Hand in the instrument with all music accessories by the expiration date in satisfactory condition.

Parent guardian

signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student:

I have read this handbook together with my family and agree to take care of my loaned instrument/materials, to be a progressive, enthusiastic participant in my ensemble, and to do my best to develop my talent.

Student signature

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Date \_\_\_\_\_