

ORCHESTRA NEWS

Important Information for Boyd Orchestra Students and Parents

Welcome to the 2018-19 School Year!

Dear Orchestra Parents and Students,

Welcome and welcome back to Boyd Orchestra! We have an exciting year of music-making ahead of us, and we are ready to get started! This newsletter is the first of our monthly communications that we will send out this year. Please read the included information carefully - this year we hope to only have to send out one e-mail a month with all of the pertinent info coming up in our program.

Our Boyd Orchestra Handbook and required yearly forms are located at www.boydorchestra.com. Please turn in your forms and fees ASAP, and check the website throughout the year for important info.

As we jump into preparing music for our Fall Orchestra Concert, your child will be tested individually on their progress during class time. We use the "Performance Points" Rubric, which is included in our orchestra handbook. Students are encouraged to retest before or after school as many times as they wish to improve their playing, as well as their seat. We will go through expectations in class to make sure all students are comfortable with our rubric and our testing procedure. Our testing system is a great way to measure student achievement and encourages students to keep working to a high level of musicianship! See playing test dates on the next page.

In the first couple of weeks of school, your child will be sized for his/her concert uniform. Please follow Mrs. Thomason's instructions for alterations and get these uniforms altered ASAP! It is extremely important that this be done by our Fall Concert date, where we will inspect each student's uniform for adjustments that still need to be made. Gentlemen must also acquire a solid black dress shirt, and all students must have black shoes to wear before the first concert.

Information has been e-mailed out about our Boyd Orchestra Ambassadors, an extra-curricular orchestra group that plays numerous performances in the community. Students who wish to be a part of Ambassadors must attend the first mandatory rehearsal after school on Thursday, September 13th. Membership in this ensemble is a great way to improve playing skills and learn how to function as a gigging musician! E-mail Mrs. New if you have questions.

We are looking forward to a great year with your children! Please e-mail with any questions you may have, and we will see you for our Parent Informance on September 4th!

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<http://www.boydorchestra.com>

Upcoming Events

Parent Informance

Required for All Students

Tuesday, September 4th

7:30PM

MBHS Auditorium

Fall Graduation

Required for Consortium

Wednesday, September 12th

6:30PM

First Ambassadors Rehearsal

Required if you wish to be involved in Ambassadors

Thursday, September 13th

3:15-4:45PM

Music in College Presentation

Info for studying music in college

Thursday, September 20th

6:30-7:30PM

Orchestra Room

Fall Orchestra Concert

Required for All Students

Tuesday, October 9th

7:30PM

MBHS Auditorium

Student call time is 6:45

Region Auditions

Required for Consortium

Saturday, October 12th

All Day, Allen HS

What are we doing in orchestra?

This month we will work towards mastery of notes and rhythms for each class's concert program.

Concert

Two pieces for mass performance at Informance
Fall Concert Music

Yorktown by Parrish
Tangents for Strings by Robert W. Smith

9th Grade Symphony

Two pieces for mass performance at Informance
Fall Concert Music

Bohemian Dance by Bobrowitz
Serenade No. 1 Scherzo by Brahms/Dackow

10th-12th Grade Symphony

Two pieces for mass performance at Informance
Fall Concert Music

A Nordic Lullaby by Grieg/La Plante
Brandenburg No. 5 by Bach/Isaac

Chamber

Two pieces for mass performance at Informance
Fall Concert Music

Sky Fire by Shackelton
Symphony No. 1, 1st mvmt by Bishop

Honors Chamber

Two pieces for mass performance at Informance
Fall Concert Music

October by Whitacre
Symphony No. 8, Unfinished - Schubert

Consortium

Fall Concert/Honor Orchestra Music

Divertimento - Bauman
Ancient Dances and Airs, Suite 3, Sicilienne
by Respighi
String Symphony, mvmt. 2 - Shostakovich

Due Dates

ASAP

Private Lesson Sign-up Form

September 5th

All Yearly Forms Due
*Deposit for Fall Orchestra Trip
\$40 and contract due

September 28th

All Yearly Orchestra Fees or
payment plan agreement
*Ambassador Fee (\$20)

October 3rd

*Region Audition Entry Fee
\$15, checks made out to Boyd Orchestra
Boosters
2nd Fall Trip Payment (\$40)

October 6th - Grade check for eligibility
Anyone auditioning for region must be
eligible on this date.

October 9th

Please have your child's uniform altered by
our concert date! See e-mail communications
from LeAnn Thomason for instructions.

* - optional fees

Playing Test Dates

For All Classes, playing tests begin in class on
Thursday, September 13th.

Students may retest before or after school for
seating changes through **Tuesday, October
2nd.**

Consortium tests begin the 2nd week of
school and will be ongoing through October
2nd.

Spring Trip - Orlando, FL

You can still sign up to go to Orlando, FL with us
March 28-31, 2019. Check your e-mail for details on
how to sign up. Remember to contact Director's
Choice directly with any questions regarding this trip.

McKinney Boyd Orchestra Forms 2018 - 2019

Please complete all the following required forms as soon as possible.

___ MISD Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Emergency Medical Form

___ MISD Student Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Contract

___ MISD Drug Policy Contract

___ MBHS Orchestra Signature Form/Publicity Release

___ MBHS Orchestra School Owned Instrument Contract (for all
cello/bass students)

Violas may request the use of a school instrument if necessary, but use will depend on need and availability (we only have two). Please talk to your director if you need more information.

Then place your \$70 Orchestra fee (payable to **McKinney ISD**) and instrument fee (\$50, cello/bass students only) in an envelope with your fee page and turn into the safe.

**PLEASE TURN IN ALL FORMS BY SEPTEMBER 5TH.
ALL FEES (OR PAYMENT CONTRACT) DUE BY
SEPTEMBER 28TH.**

**McKinney Independent School District
Co-Curricular/Extracurricular Emergency Medical Form**

Co-curricular/extracurricular activities are considered an extension of the school day therefore McKinney ISD policies continue to be in effect. This includes policies for medication usage. The following guidelines are in effect for all secondary activities and trips. **This form may be viewed by a parent volunteer in the event of an emergency in the absence of an MISD employee.**

Student Name: _____ **ID#** _____ **Grade:** _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ **Emergency number(s)** _____
(Last) (First)

Address: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Health History: (Check...give approximate dates, if applicable)

- Frequent ear infections _____
- Headaches _____
- Heart defects/disease _____
- Seizure disorder _____
- Bleeding/clotting disorders _____
- Hypertension _____
- Emotional disturbances _____

- Diseases:**
- Diabetes _____
 - Sickle Cell _____
 - Asthma _____

- Allergies:**
- Hay fever _____
 - Poison ivy, etc. _____
 - Insect stings _____
 - Penicillin _____
 - Other drugs _____

Disabilities, diseases, chronic or recurring illness: _____

Current medication (send with MISD medical form): _____

Any specific activities to be limited by physician advice: _____

Any medically prescribed meal plan or dietary restrictions: _____

Any known allergies (food, drugs, plants, insects, etc.): _____

Dates of operations, serious injuries, psychiatric counseling or hospitalization: _____

Additional health information: _____

Medications must be provided by the parent in the original container or package with a signed MISD medication form and adhered to MISD medication policy.

PLEASE NOTE: If any medications are found on the student's person or in his/her possession he/she may be subject to disciplinary action.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ **Date** _____

If parents cannot be reached in case of emergency, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Physician's Name: _____ Phone: _____

This health form is correct so far as I know, and the person listed above has permission to engage in all prescribed activities except as noted.

In case of injury or serious illness during any trip, I hereby grant permission for school employees to secure medical services for the student named on this sheet. Such treatment will be administered only by licensed medical personnel. I agree to accept responsibility for all authorized doctor, hospital and medical expenses.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Full contract available to read at boydorchestra.com

MISD STUDENT CO-CURRICULAR / EXTRACURRICULAR CONTRACT

I, _____, understand that it is a privilege and honor, not a right, to be a member of a McKinney ISD Co-curricular / extracurricular activity.

I understand I must conduct myself with the utmost integrity and honesty as a student involved in co-curricular/extracurricular activities in McKinney ISD. I understand that my position as a student involved in co-curricular / extracurricular activities means that I am held to a higher standard of behavior, and therefore, may receive greater, different, and/or additional consequences than those outlined in the MISD Student Code of Conduct for conduct, regardless of whether such conduct occurs on or off school property, at a school sponsored or school related event, or involves social media on and/or off campus.

I understand and agree that consequences assigned under this Contract will be assigned at the discretion and determination of the sponsor/coach and/or the campus administration of the activity, in any hierarchy/order deemed appropriate by the sponsor/coach and/or campus administrator, and may include, but are not limited to, disciplinary consequences in, suspension from, removal from and/or prohibition from future participation in one and/or all co-curricular/extracurricular activities in McKinney ISD.

I understand and agree this contract is in force from the date of my signature through my graduation date from McKinney ISD, whichever occurs later. This contract includes summer, vacation, and holiday days. Disciplinary consequences may be assigned for McKinney ISD co-curricular / extracurricular activities occurring during summer, vacation, holiday days and after my graduation.

I have read this MISD CO-CURRICULAR / EXTRACURRICULAR contract, and I understand and agree to all of the terms, process, and consequences stated herein, including the discretion afforded the sponsor/coach and/or the campus administration in determining the consequences assigned under this Contract.

Student Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Full Agreement available to read at boydorchestra.com

McKinney Independent School District

Drug/Alcohol Screening Test Parent/Guardian/Student Consent Form

I, _____ and _____
(print name of student) (print name of parent/guardian)

am the parent/guardian of _____ a student enrolled in MISD.

I understand that participation in an extracurricular activity is a privilege that may be withdrawn for violations of McKinney ISD Board Policies. I understand that extracurricular activities include, but are not limited to: all UIL activities; school-sponsored student groups/clubs/organizations; student council; all elected/appointed student officers; and non-curriculum-related student groups.

I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Random Drug/Alcohol Testing Program for McKinney ISD. I have read the District's Policy and understand the provisions of the random drug/alcohol testing program. I hereby consent to the testing provided by the program. I understand that Participation in extracurricular activities at McKinney ISD, as defined under the Policy, is conditioned upon my consent and participation in the random drug/alcohol testing program. In consideration of the benefits arising to me/my child from this activity, I hereby grant permission for me/my child to participate in the program. I further agree to and shall indemnify and hold harmless the District, its officers, agents and employees, from suits and liability of every kind, including expenses of litigation, court costs, and attorneys' fees for injury or damage which I or my child, or any other person might sustain as a result of my child's participation in the random drug/alcohol testing program.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this consent and release. I represent that I am the student/parent or guardian of the student named above, and I hereby agree that we shall both be bound by the terms of the consent and release provisions set forth in the random drug/alcohol testing policy.

Circle which (Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

I, the student noted above, acknowledge that I have read the foregoing consent and release and that I understand it and agree to be bound by its terms and the terms of the random drug/alcohol testing program.

(Student Signature) (Date)

MBHS Orchestra Signature Form/Publicity Release

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Acknowledgment

- We have read and understand the **McKinney Boyd High School Orchestra Handbook**, available under the “Information” tab at boydorchestra.com.
- We commit that we will support our child with his/her fine art endeavor and will attend at least one function on his or her behalf.
- We understand and accept the rules and guidelines that our child is expected to follow.

Publicity Release

Throughout the year opportunities may arise for us to publish your child’s name, photo, or work in the local newspaper(s) or on our website. Please understand that we will NOT put named pictures on the website—no photos will identify students by name. Please read the options below. Not checking any boxes will be received as permission granted.

Newspaper

I **do** grant the MBHS Orchestras permission to publish my child’s **photograph and name** in the local newspaper/publications

I **do not** grant the MBHS Orchestras permission to publish my child’s **photograph** in the local newspaper but **will** allow the publishing of their **name** and the prestigious honor received.

Website

I **do** grant the MBHS Orchestras permission to publish my child’s **unnamed photograph** in group/candid shots on the MBHS Orchestra website

I **do not** grant the MBHS Orchestras permission to publish my child’s unnamed photograph in group/candid shots on the MBHS Orchestra website

X _____
Parent’s/Guardian’s Signature

Date

Student Acknowledgment

- As a student and a member of this orchestra, I have read this handbook and understand all membership requirements in regard to study, practice rehearsals, and performance attendance.
- As a member of this Orchestra, I will assume the obligations and responsibilities and do my utmost to accomplish the objectives and follow the principles, rules, and regulations.
- As a member of this Orchestra, I understand that I must meet the membership requirement, obligations and responsibilities. Failure to meet the criteria for my assigned Orchestra may result in my being reassigned to an ensemble class more suited to my ability or maturity level.

X _____
Student’s Signature

Date

MBHS Orchestra Annual Fees

Turn this form in with your payment

The MBHS Orchestra Annual Fee for the 2017-2018 school year is \$70. This fee includes the student's binder & binder supplies, Orchestra t-shirt, one solo or ensemble fee, uniform dry cleaning, and helps offset the costs of bus transportation, guest clinicians, master classes, etc.

Student's Name _____

Annual Fee for all orchestra students (due by Sept. 28)	\$70.00
School-Owned Instrument Maintenance Fee (due by Sept. 28) (to be paid by cello and bass players or anyone using a school viola ONLY)	\$50.00
OPTIONAL FEES - you may also pay the following fees in advance. Please note that MISD may not accept any check over \$250. If you are paying more than this, please write multiple checks.	
Fall Orchestra Trip (Dallas) Deposit (due by Sept. 5th) OR Pay for the trip in full	\$40.00 \$120 to pay in full
Ambassadors yearly dues (due by Sept. 13th) Pay if your child is participating in Ambassadors this year.	\$20
Donations - we appreciate any extra you can give to help other students who cannot afford their orchestra fees. Thank you!	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

If you need to pay your orchestra fees in installments, please fill out the next page. We will work with you to take care of your required fees this year.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MCKINNEY ISD and write MBHS Orchestra on the memo line at the bottom of your check. Cash and money orders are also accepted. Remember, MISD CANNOT ACCEPT ANY CHECK OVER \$250. IF YOU ARE PAYING MORE THAN THIS AMOUNT, SPLIT INTO MULTIPLE CHECKS!

Fees are not refundable.

Fill out this form if you would like to pay your yearly orchestra fees in installments this year

Student name _____

Payment plan for \$70 orchestra fee:

	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Payment 1</u>	September 28th	\$10.00
<u>Payment 2</u>	November 1st	\$20.00
<u>Payment 3</u>	December 3rd	\$20.00
<u>Payment 4</u>	January 7th	\$20.00

Payment Plan for \$50 cello/bass maintenance fee:

	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Payment 1</u>	February 1st	\$20.00
<u>Payment 2</u>	March 1st	\$20.00
<u>Payment 3</u>	April 1st	\$10.00

An e-mail will be sent out automatically to remind you of these payment dates.

You may always pay more than what is designated, but please try to pay at least the amount designated above.

Please remember that in order to participate in extra non-curricular events (Fall Dallas Trip, Orlando Trip, Social events that cost money, etc.), you must have your required orchestra fees payed in full.

All checks should be made payable to MISD.

Parent/guardian signature _____

McKinney Boyd Orchestra School-Owned Instrument Form

Cellos and Bases ONLY

Student's Name _____

Terms and Conditions:

1. Parent or Guardian agrees to pay the maintenance fee when due. Payment schedules will be at the director's discretion. The fee amount is \$25 per semester (\$50 for the year).
2. Parent or Guardian and Student agree to take good care of the instrument and use it in a responsible manner and to pay all costs of repair if the instrument is deemed by the director as damaged in any way due to student action.
3. Parent or Guardian and Student agree not to remove or take the instrument out of the DFW metroplex without the written consent of the Director.
4. Parent or Guardian and Student shall be responsible for all loss and/or damage to the instrument and agrees to promptly pay McKinney Boyd High School the replacement cost of the instrument in the event of the loss, theft or damage beyond repair of the instrument. The replacement will be determined by the Director. McKinney ISD does not provide insurance for individually owned or school owned instruments.
5. Parent or Guardian may terminate this contract at any time by returning the instrument to the director in as good condition as it was at the beginning of this rental agreement.
6. Parent or Guardian agrees to pay all loss, damage, repossession expenses and other costs, fees and expenses including reasonable attorney's fee incurred by MISD in enforcing MISD's rights under this agreement.
7. If the Parent or Guardian or student wishes to terminate this contract (at any time), no refund will be given.
8. School owned instruments are to be used and not abused. School owned instruments must be kept in their locker and locked up when not in use.

I agree to abide by this contract and all obligations and commitments outlined within it.

Parent name (printed)

Parent Signature

Date