

COVID-19 Addendum to The Woodlands High School Orchestra Handbook 2021-2022



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Until rescinded by a written notice from the Director the following changes to our normal procedures are in effect for TWHS Orchestra during the 2020-2021 School year due to COVID-19:

Instrument Lockers: ALL LOCKERS MUST BE EMPTIED AT THE END OF THE DAY, NOTHING CAN BE LEFT OVER NIGHT!

All lockers will be sanitized nightly and must be empty to undergo the cleaning process. Students should only store their orchestra materials in their orchestra locker this year. Students will only have access to orchestra lockers during their class, and before/after school.

Playing Assignments: All student will utilize Canvas, Music First, and Flipgrid to turn in their work. All assignments, instructions, and links will be housed in Canvas.

Instrument Use: Students are only to use their personal instrument, or the school owned instrument that has been assigned to them. Violin and Viola Students MUST provide their own instrument and will not be allowed to borrow another student's instrument. Cello and Bass players can choose to bring their instruments back and forth with them, or pay the \$75 district maintenance fee and be assigned a school owned instrument to use in class. School owned Instruments will be sanitized by the students using them at the end of every class.

Music and Music Stands: To help facilitate distancing in the classroom, no students will be allowed to share music or music stands. School owned music stands will be sanitized by the students using them at the end of every class. Students are invited and encouraged to bring their own personal music stand back and forth to class.

Entering the Classroom: In order to help with distancing, violin and bass players will enter the orchestra room using the exterior door, the one from the u-drive, and access their lockers/instruments from that side of the room. Cello and Viola Players will enter the room using the main doors and stay on the interior side of the orchestra room. If it is raining, Violin and Bass students will enter the room using the Blackbox door. Upon entering all students must use hand sanitizer.

Access to the Orchestra Room: ONLY CURRENTLY ENROLLED ORCHESTRA STUDENTS WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE ORCHESTRA ROOM THIS YEAR. Also in order to help facilitate distancing, students can only hang out in the orchestra room when they are waiting for their specific class to start. Students that need to drop off or pick up instruments before/after school should do that and then immediately exit the orchestra room. Please do not congregate in the room before or after school, do so outside. All doors will be propped open in order to help with airflow, and to avoid having people touch door handles.

Chairs: Only cellists will be allowed to use a chair during class in order to facilitate distancing. If a non-cellist student has a medical need for a chair, one will be provided.

Food and Drink: NO food or drink will be allowed in the orchestra room this year. The only exception is for students that have a medical need.

Masks and Distancing: Students are highly encouraged to wear a mask while in any CISD facility or on a bus.