String Orchestra

Grading Policy

 40% Attendance at all required performances (4 concerts, one per quarter)

20% Playing Exams

30% Daily Effort

10% Ear Training, Solfege &

 Listening Exams and quizzes

Mid Term and Final Exam are required of all students. Students will need to perform an appropriate solo in class with Smart Music or metronome, or perform at a solo recital or at the Solo and Ensemble Concert. All solo pieces must be approved by Mr. Miller at least 14 days prior to the performance.

In addition to a solo performance,

 Wachusett String Orchestra members are expected to perform major and minor scales (See page 2 for year and requirements), and be able to identify all major key signatures. Scales will be worked on in class daily!

 What is an “A”

A=93, All notes and rhythms played correct! Students will score higher with the addition of musical expression (dynamics, and phrasing), but this can only be achieved after students demonstrate technical proficiency of their music. Students grades will be adjusted lower based the percentage of incorrect notes and rhythms.

WSO Scale requirements

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1st year players will be able to play one octave major scales up to 4 flats and 4 sharps from memory

2nd year players will be able two octave scales up to 4 flats and 4 sharps from memory

3rd year players will be able two octave scales up to 4 flats and 4 sharps from memory and one octave relative harmonic minor

 4th year players will be able two octave scales up to 4 flats and 4 sharps from memory and two octave relative harmonic minor