

# Midland High School Symphony Orchestra .4 Honors Program

## **Course Description:**

The purpose of this program is to provide music students the opportunity for advanced musical experience as a supplement to the Midland High School Symphony Orchestra Program.

Students who do not complete the requirements for .3 Symphony Orchestra will not be eligible for .4 credit.

In addition to completing the requirements of .3 Symphony Orchestra, the honors curriculum includes earning additional credit as listed:

### **1) Additional Instrumental Ensemble Participation**

Participation at least one of the following ensembles (per semester) in addition to the MHS Symphony Orchestra.

Jazz Ensemble (Bass players)

Honors String Orchestra (open by audition only to .4 honors students)\* see audition requirements on next page

MHS Concert Orchestra (secondary instrument)

Meistersingers

Band (secondary instrument)

Other approved ensembles such as the Midland Community Orchestra, MHS Spring Musical Pit Orchestra, and Suzuki Ensembles that rehearse and perform on a regular basis

Violinists may play one concert rotation on viola to meet this requirement

### **2) Solo / Ensemble Performance**

Performance of a solo or in a small ensemble (selection approved by the teacher) with appropriate accompaniment at MSBOA District V Solo/Ensemble Festival or other approved public performance venues such as the Suzuki String Programs or Michigan Achievement Testing in piano.

### **3) Applied Projects must be approved by Mrs. Peretz**

#### **List of Suggested Applied Projects**

- Complete Music theory Workbook assignments
- Coaching a student solo or ensemble from Concert Orchestra or Middle School Orchestra
- Music Composition
- Studying with a String or Piano Private Teacher
- Teaching private lessons
- Music history study assignments
- Professional concert attendance and reports (3 concerts with program attached)
- Preparation of program notes for 3 Orchestra Concerts
- Assisting at Northeast, Jefferson or Central Middle School – Apply to Mrs. Murray or Mrs. Bruske
- Assisting Mr. Hayes at Central Auditorium - Apply to Mr. Hayes
- Participation in All State Orchestra or Michigan Fine Arts Festival

\*Auditions for .4 Honors Orchestra will include:

G,D,C,F, and E Major Scales – 3 Octave

Chromatic Scale

Up to 32 measures of selection of student's choice

Sight Reading