

**Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle School  
Syllabus 2023-2024**

**Teacher: Adrian Walker Course: Strings Grade:6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>  
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**SHORT BIOGRAPHY**

**Adrian Walker has been teaching at Carr Lane VPA Middle School since December of 2018. As a violinist, Adrian serves as concertmaster for the Fox Theater Orchestra. Other concertmaster positions include the Ballet Orchestra of St. Louis, the Bach Society of St. Louis, the Saint Louis Philharmonic, Masterworks Chorale Orchestra, the Belleville Philharmonic, the University City Symphony, and the Gateway Festival Orchestra. He has also performed as a replacement violinist with the Saint Louis Symphony orchestra, after completing the New York Philharmonic Fellowship Program with SLSO. He toured nationally with the Broadway show An American in Paris. Adrian received his B.M. Degree in violin Performance from the Eastman School of Music and attended Southern Illinois University Edwardsville for graduate courses.**

**OVERVIEW OF SUBJECT**

**The String Orchestra Course involves learning and playing and performing on violin, viola, cello, and bass. Beginning and experienced players are welcome. The main performances happen in December (Winter Show) and a Spring Show in May. There is also a Black History Program in February.**

**TEXTBOOK AND OTHER RESOURCES MATERIALS TO BE USED**

**Essential Elements 2000 Book 1**

**Instruments, music, and a limited number of white concert polo shirts are provided by the school. Black pants, shoes, or knee length black skirts are also needed.**

**GRADING & CRITERIA SCALE**

All mathematics work **MUST** be done with a pencil

**Carr Lane VPAMS Grading Scale**

A	Excellent	100 - 90
B	Good	89 - 80
C	Satisfactory	79 - 70
D	Needs Improvement	69 - 60
F	Unsatisfactory	Below 60

**Grading Criteria:**

Class work = 50%
Homework = 10%
Test = 25%
Participation = 15%

**HOMEWORK POLICY:** Homework is an important part of a student's learning. Since homework will be discussed and sometimes checked during the next class meeting, it is

imperative that students set time aside to complete homework nightly. If absent it is the responsibility of the student to secure all missing assignments within 2 days and return to school within the time frame given by the teacher.

**LATE WORK POLICY:**

**Missed assignments can be made up at any time, provided that there is a valid excuse and contact is made with the teacher. No points will be deducted.**

**MISSED TEST / QUIZ:** Missed tests and/or quizzes may be taken if graded items have not been distributed. If tests and/or quizzes have been distributed the student must make arrangements with the teacher to make-up this work. **The student must have an excused absence.**

**SPECIFIC CURRICULUM ASSESSMENTS:** CFAs, CSAs, Renaissance Star Assessments and the Missouri MAP will be given during the following months: September, October, December, March, April, and May.