

# **Common Course Syllabi for DCSD Intermediate Orchestra**

## **Sixth Grade String Orchestra**

Orchestra students in Davenport begin instruction on string instruments in the Fourth Grade and continue with lessons and group rehearsals in Fifth Grade. Sixth Grade String Orchestra is a continuation of those experiences with the goal of developing higher level musical skills as the students gain more experience on their instrument. Students are provided an individual weekly lesson on their instrument, and participate in a group orchestra rehearsal experience. Students will prepare for a district String Festival in October, a district Solo Festival in February, as well as several large group performances. Attendance at all performances is a requirement of the course.

Students that participate in Sixth Grade String Orchestra must have previous experience on a string instrument before they can participate in the group class experience. If a student without string experience is interested in participating in Sixth Grade String Orchestra, they must receive individual instruction and meet the musical expectations for the class before they can be blended into the group experience. Acquiring private lessons outside of school can be beneficial to these students, and can provide them with the intensive training that can help them meet this goal more quickly.

## **Seventh and Eighth Grade String Orchestra**

This course is a more advanced continuation of the Sixth Grade String Orchestra experience with the goal of developing higher level musical skills. Previous successful string orchestra participation is expected of students that enroll. The Seventh and Eighth Grade String Orchestra students are provided an individual weekly lesson on their instrument as in the Sixth Grade String Orchestra experience, but the group orchestra experience in Seventh and Eighth Grade is a daily class. Musical objectives include multiple performance opportunities such as a district wide string festival in October, a district wide Solo Festival in February, a district Large Group Festival in March, and building-level concerts. Additionally, interested students are encouraged to audition for local, district and state Honor Orchestras. Attendance at all performances is a requirement of the course.