



### Orchestra is unique!

Continued participation in orchestra makes you look great on college applications and may even help get you a music scholarship regardless of your major. This is because not every school has orchestra (in fact less than 15% of schools nationwide have orchestra!) so that makes string players in demand and sought after as many colleges are looking for string players to fill their university orchestras.

### Orchestra is a lifetime skill!

Playing an instrument is something you can do for your whole life—even when you get older and your body wears down.

### Faubion Orchestra

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Did you know that playing an orchestra instrument....

Positively impacts the memory and attention span

Improves reading skills, language processing, speech and helps students achieve in other academic subjects

Gives students self-discipline from repeated practice

Builds self-reliance, self-esteem, leadership, and self-awareness

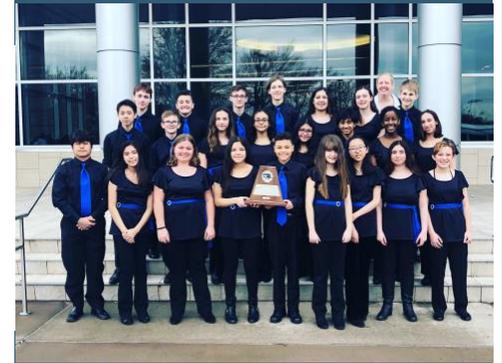
Helps confidence grow with each performance and competition

Develops skills needed by the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce such as critical thinking, creative problem solving, team work and more.

Students in high quality programs scored higher on math and reading achievement tests by 20-22 percent (Journal of Research in Music Ed, Spring 2007)

Texas All-State Orchestra musicians scored the highest on SAT scores and were on average 300-400 points higher than the State and National Average (TMEA)

# Why Orchestra?



### Faubion Orchestra Facts

- Received only First Division ratings at every UIL and spring contest since the program started in 2005
- 2014 & 2018 Mark of Excellence Orchestra National Winner, 2019 Commended
- 2015 State Champion for MS Full Orchestra
- 2016 Midwest Clinic Performing Group—one of 3 middle school string orchestras in the world
- Received numerous Best in Class and Most Outstanding Orchestra Awards
- Five Levels of Orchestra
- Rock Orchestra
- Largest MS orchestra program in McKinney with 210 students
- Ready to help every child reach their greatest potential!



Students CAN be in athletics well as orchestra



Orchestra is a family! We have fun together!

## Myths and Facts about Orchestra

**Myth:** Colleges want to see that I took all the AP classes I could, they don't care about orchestra. **Fact:** Colleges are much more likely to accept students who have shown interest in areas besides just academics. They might not even accept all of your AP or college credit classes for credit, especially if they are in your major area.

**Myth:** I've already learned how to do everything there is on my instrument, there's nothing else I need to know. **Fact:** There is so much more. At this point we hope that you have a good grasp on the basics and now are set up to go learn all of the amazing things your instrument is capable of doing!

**Myth:** I should try some new things so that I look well-rounded to colleges. **Fact:** Colleges do like to see well-rounded students, but they prefer to see that you have stuck with one thing (like orchestra) for a long time and made a commitment to it rather than trying a new thing every year without mastering anything.

**Myth:** Only people who want to be music majors in college should take orchestra in school **Fact:** Your teachers do not expect you to become a music major just because you enjoy orchestra. Most students who take orchestra all through high school do not pursue a career in music, but it does give them the opportunity to continue to play their instrument in orchestras and clubs in college and as an adult—this is a skill you can have your whole life! Orchestra builds great skills for life such as working hard, time management and goal setting.

**Myth:** Orchestra is too expensive, there's no way I can afford an instrument. **Fact:** There are many different affordable options to rent an instrument. Just talk to a director and we will help you find something for your budget!

**Myth:** I can't do other electives and orchestra. **Fact:** In 7th grade you get an additional elective, and in 8th grade you get a third elective. There is plenty of time to add additional electives later, but it is important to start your instrument in the sixth grade as beginning instrument classes are not available in later grades.

**Myth:** I can't do sports AND orchestra, I have to pick one.. **Fact:** Your teachers and your coaches want you to have the opportunity to do both things! If you are responsible about communicating with both programs, we will help you make it work.

**Myth:** If my current friends aren't in my orchestra class, I won't have any friends in orchestra. **Fact:** Orchestra is a family! You will have a group of students who will become your friends even if your current friends aren't in the same orchestra class as you!

### Orchestra is Interdisciplinary

**Orchestra is a Science.** It is exact, specific; it demands exact acoustics and incorporates harmonics. A conductor's full score is a chart, a graph which indicates frequencies, intensities, volume changes, melody and harmony all at once and with the most control of time.

**Orchestra is Mathematical.** It is rhythmically based on the subdivision of time into fractions which must be done instantaneously (and divided exactly with the bow), not worked out on paper.

**Orchestra is a Foreign Language.** Most of the terms are in Italian, German, or French and the notation is certainly not English but a highly developed type of shorthand that uses symbols to represent ideas. The semantics of music is the most complete and universal language.

**Orchestra is Physical Education.** It requires fantastic coordination of fingers, hands and arms which respond instantly to the sound the ear hears and the mind interprets.

**Orchestra is Art.** It allows a human being to take all these dry, technically boring (but difficult) techniques and use them to create emotion.

We believe in teaching the whole child through music in orchestra!

**Orchestra is good for life!**