

UVALDE CISD
Mariachi
HANDBOOK/SYLLABUS
2020-2021

Notice:

7th & 8th Grade Intermediate and Advanced Mariachi admission is by audition only!

7th & 8th grade students who did not audition or are new to the program will be automatically placed in the beginning class.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: Instrumental Ensemble – Violins/Mariachi 1 Credit Hour of Fine Arts (2 semesters)

A Mariachi Ensemble is a performing musical ensemble consisting of violins, flutes, trumpets, armonia (guitars, guitarrons, and vihuelas) and sometimes the arpa (harp). Other instruments may also be incorporated into the group to add to the sound.

As a performing group not only in school, but within the community, the mariachi will often be electronically recorded both in audio and video and photographed. The signing of the blanket permission form acknowledges this understanding and allows the student to participate.

This year, Flores Middle School has one class period of 6th grade level students. All beginning students will play either the violin or the trumpet. The advanced 7th & 8th grade classes include violins, trumpets, and armonia (guitars and guitarrones). Students will be placed in a group that is appropriate for their playing level and the need of proper instrumentation of the various mariachis. Please keep in mind that numbers do matter in small ensembles. All groups will have an opportunity to perform sometime during the year. Performances may take place during the school day, after school, and some weekends. **All students have a responsibility to attend every performance.**

VIRTUAL LEARNING EXPECTATIONS:

All students are expected to **log on to Google Classroom daily**. An instructional video and/or Google Slides presentation will be posted. Students will have **daily written assignments** to complete and will be expected to submit them by the end of the week. In addition to written work, students are expected to practice their instrument. A **playing quiz** grade will be given upon weekly submission of playing assignments. Every week, I will assign students a playing quiz (ex. Cielito Lindo, measures 1-16). Students will need to record themselves playing this and submit the video via Google Classroom assignments. In addition to the video, students will need to critique their own “performance” on the attached document.

EXPECTATIONS FOR PLAYING:

All students are responsible for learning and playing their assigned part. Playing tests will be given on a regular basis and will count for a major part of their grade. In the event where a student misses a playing test, he/she will have the opportunity to make up that grade. It is the student's responsibility to contact their director and set up an appropriate time to make up their test.

All students are expected to participate in class and during performances. Students will not be excused from in-class participation for any reason. If an instrument is in need of repair or is forgotten at home, students will be given an alternate assignment which can help make up the missing grade. If this assignment is not completed and turned in, the student will receive a zero for their daily grade.

EXPECTATIONS FOR WRITTEN TEXT:

Sheet Music – Kept neatly in a binder. Each person is responsible for their binder and music. Often, students are given individual parts. It is each student's responsibility to keep up with and learn the part that is assigned to them.

Written Assignments – All students are expected to complete all written assignments on time. All unsubmitted assignments will be given a zero! No exceptions!

Written Quizzes – Students may be given written quizzes. It is the students' responsibility to study accordingly and prepare for each assessment. If students should miss a quiz for any reason, it is their responsibility to contact me to schedule a time to make up that quiz.



Supplies Needed:

All Students *MUST* Have:

Three ring 1 ½” binder (any color except black - no zipper)
1 Pencil (to be kept in binder)
Sheet protectors
Individual Tuner (iPad apps acceptable)

Beginner Students Only:

*Black Slacks/Pants
*Black dress Shoes or boots (no tennis shoes or sandals)
*White long sleeve, collared, button up shirt

VIOLINS

Shoulder rest
2 pkg of full size strings (they get worn out and/or pop throughout the year)
Light or Dark Rosin

ARMONIA (Guitar & Vihuela)

2 pkg of strings (they get worn out and/or pop throughout the year)
For Guitar – nylon (classical) strings ****PLEASE DO NOT BUY STEEL STRINGS****
Black mariachi/classical guitar neck strap

ARMONIA (Guitarron)

1 pkg of strings (they get worn out and/or pop throughout the year)
Black shoulder strap

TRUMPETS

1 bottle of valve oil
1 tube of slide grease
Polishing cloth or cleaning kit for trumpet

Supplies can be ordered from:

Mariachi Connection

www.mariachiconnection.com

2106 W. Commerce St, San Antonio, TX 78207

1-877-565-5222

High School Music Service

<http://www.hsmusicservice.com>

5535 W Loop 1604 N, Stw 103, San Antonio, TX 78253

210-509-4100

Antonio Strad

<http://stradviolin.com/>

Practice Expectations: Students will be given a practice log which will need to be signed by a parent or legal guardian each week. All students are expected to practice at home for at least **30 minutes** every day. The success of our program will be a reflection of the amount and effectiveness of the time we put into it. Let's make it a very successful year and remember to practice what you find most challenging and briefly review what you play best.

Grading Procedures: All students are expected to attend all functions including sectionals, scheduled practices, and performances, and are expected to be on time. Grading will be based on attendance, fully engaged participation, quizzes and playing test scores, improvement, and responsibility of having materials. If a student cannot perform because of no pass – no play, they will be expected to follow the Policy on Missing Performance for their alternative credit.

Policy on Missing Performances: All dress rehearsals and performances are MAJOR grades. Students are expected to attend ALL rehearsals and performances. If for any reason a student cannot attend a performance, that student will be allowed to make up the grade by writing a 2-3 page essay on a selected topic chosen by their mariachi director. They will have one week from the missed performance to make up their grade. If students miss a performance for ANY reason, parents must contact either Mrs. Gomez directly (email is best) to prevent any negative effect on a student's grade.

Classroom Expectations: Students are expected to be on their best behavior at all times.

- Always bring your materials/supplies to class.
- Respect all equipment.
- DO NOT play an instrument that does not belong or is not assigned to you
- Please do not lean or step on music stands.
- Do not take things that don't belong to you without permission (this includes instrument supplies and music.).
- Always be on time.
- Show respect to *all* school employees and *all* of your peers.
- Take care of your instrument.
- No eating/chewing gum in class or while playing any instrument.
- Do not drop your instrument.
- Maintain a working instrument at all times (keep up with maintenance).
- Please use the restroom before class.
- No Public Display of Affection (PDA).
- Follow student code of conduct.
- Take pride in being a mariachi member.
- Be a Leader within the UCISD and Uvalde community.

Consequences for misbehavior:

1st Offense: Phone call to parents.

2nd Offense: Conferences (student-teacher, parent-teacher, parent-teacher-student, parent-teacher-student-administrator).

3rd Offense: Office Referral or Removal from String/Mariachi Program.

PERFORMANCES

- Please be on your best behavior at all times. Show professionalism and pride!
- Please report to the event's location at least 30 minutes before performance time.

Example: If our performance will be held at John Harrell Auditorium and the concert begins at 6pm, please arrive at 5:30pm dressed and with your instrument.

REMEMBER, YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE UVALDE C.I.S.D. MARIACHI PROGRAM. YOU REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, GROUP, FRIENDS, FAMILY, YOURSELF, AND OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF TRADITION AND CULTURE. TAKE PRIDE IN THIS ORGANIZATION, CULTURE, TRADITION, AND YOURSELF.

UVALDE MARIACHI PROGRAM

Parents:

Please fill out and return the attached permission slip. This blanket permission slip will allow your child to travel with the Uvalde Mariachi Program to all events they may participate in the 2020-2021 school year. Only students who are members of the Mariachi Program will receive a slip. This slip also gives permission, as a member of a public performing organization, for the student to be photographed, recorded, electronically visual and/or aurally reproduced, and published or broadcasted.

Please note that the school district, directors, and chaperons are not responsible or liable for any accident or event that happens to your child which is beyond our control. If this should happen, you will be notified immediately and asked to take care of the situation as it seems suitable. We will do everything we can to make every event as safe, valuable and memorable as we possibly can for your child.

All students are expected to adhere to the district student code of conduct and all other regulations and expectations provided by the director and chaperons.

UCISD Mariachi Program

Student Handbook and Syllabus

Parent/Guardian:

This handbook/syllabus is designated to inform you and your child of regulations and policies we use to conduct our program. Please take the time to review the information with your child so they understand the regulations, rules and acceptable conduct of our policies. With your support and encouragement we are confident that your child will be a successful and exceptional asset to our organization. Thank you for all you do to keep our program alive.

Please sign and return the bottom portion of this page so we know that you have received and reviewed this handbook/syllabus with your child. Also be sure to return the blanket permission slip and instrument check out form if your child will be using a school-owned instrument for the 2020-2021 school year.

If you have any questions, please call or email me. You may also visit the mariachi room with a visitors pass attained at the main office.

Acknowledgement of Receipt of the Handbook/Syllabus

I have received and reviewed this handbook/syllabus with my child and have understood to the best of my knowledge the regulations, rules and acceptable conduct of the Uvalde String/Mariachi policies.

Please Print

Student Full Name: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Parents E-Mail** _____

Please Sign and Date

Parent's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Dear Parents,

We are happy to be able to provide your child with a "school-owned" instrument to use this year. Since musical instruments are an extremely expensive investment, we can only provide a limited number of instruments for student use.

There is no rental fee for using this instrument. It is expected that this instrument will undergo no more than a normal amount of wear and tear. Please understand however, that *you are responsible for any and all damages that occur while the instrument is checked out to your child*. You are responsible for any string changes, bridge repair and/or bow replacement. Once checked out, the responsibility to return or replace the instrument and accessories, are yours. In order to avoid an unnecessary repair bill, I ask that the following guidelines be followed while this instrument is in your child's possession:

- * Always transport and store the instrument in its properly secured case.
- * Never let anyone else play this instrument. You will be responsible for any damages that may occur.
- * Clean the instrument regularly. This will help ensure that the instrument stays in top playing condition.
- * If something is wrong with the instrument, notify me immediately. Please do not try to repair it yourself or have it repaired.

These guidelines will help ensure that our instrument inventory remains in good condition for years to come. School-owned instruments represent a large investment from U.C.I.S.D. and we are committed to protecting this investment. We are pleased to be able to provide you with this service and hope to be able to help other students for many years to come.

Thank you for your support, help, and understanding.

Uvalde CISD Mariachi Program

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UCISD MARIACHI PROGRAM

Blanket Permission Slip 2020-2021

Student Full Name: _____

Parents/Guardians: _____

Address: _____ E-mail _____ (father)
_____ E-mail _____ (mother)

Father's Cell No. _____ Mother's Cell No. _____

Father's Work No. _____ Mother's Work No. _____

I have read, understood and agreed to the information provided above and I give my child permission to travel and participate in all Mariachi events for the 2020-2021 school year.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Instrument Check-Out Agreement Form

2020-2021

I understand that the musical instrument is an expense to the Uvalde Independent School District. I know that I am responsible for the care and upkeep of the instrument. I understand that if there are any damages beyond normal wear and tear, I will be responsible for the cost of repairs. I have read the care of instruments in this handbook. I understand that I am responsible for the purchase of the supplies mentioned above.

Student Name _____

Instrument _____

Serial Number _____

Instrument ID number _____

I agree to the guidelines listed above

Parent signature

Student signature

Date

Parent Telephone Number: _____

Parent E-Mail _____