1. **About the Club**

MIMS String Orchestra Club is founded in October 2019 and organized by parent volunteers with the supervision and support of MIMS. Training will be provided by professional coach and parent volunteers.

2. **Mission**

   - The String Orchestra provides a comprehensive ensemble experience and individualized instruction for developing string players.
   - String musical equipment is difficult to learn for younger kids. They will be motivated to learn and improve together. Learn with fun and discipline.

3. **Club Organizers**

   - Professional coach: Newman Liu
   - Sponsors:
     - Yun Chen for level 2 and above, yunchen.uu@gmail.com
     - Joanna Wei Zhang for pre-level and level 1, wei.joanna.zhang@gmail.com
   - Treasurer: Joanna Wei Zhang

4. **Requirement**

   Know the basics of string instrument: violin, viola, cello, or bass.

   - Group 1: pre-level and level 1, be able to play with simple notes
   - Group 2: level 2 and above, play fluently

5. **Audition**

   Audition is required for each student intending to join the orchestra.

6. **Meeting Time**

   Every Thursday

   - 4:15-5:15 pm for Group 1
   - 5:20-6:20 pm for Group 2
   - One grand performance each semester to encourage student’s participation and practice.
7. **Orchestra Fee**

$150/year per student.

Club fee will be used to compensate professional coach (major expense), printing notes and other club related expenses. All parent volunteers, club sponsors and treasures do not receive any compensation.

Please send the orchestra fee to the orchestra treasurer: Joanna Wei Zhang with a note of student’s name and grade.

- Paypal: wei.joanna.zhang@gmail.com.

Payments are due before the first day of meeting. No refunds will be issued after two weeks of beginning.

8. **Musical facility**

- Bring your own musical instrument and tripod.
- Musical notes will be provided by the coach or parent volunteers.

9. **Conduct**

- Students enrolled in the orchestra are expected to follow the HISD student conducts.
- Students are expected to respect the instruction and discipline by coach and parent volunteers.
- Students are expected to stay in the practicing room except the need of using restroom or other emergency situations.
- Disciplinary problem will be notified to the parents. Continuous misconducts will result in suspension from the orchestra.
- Student is responsible for his/her own musical instruments.
- Students who breaks other’s musical instrument will be responsible for the repair.

10. **Attendance**

- Enrolled students are expected to attend all weekly meetings except emergency situations which should be notified to organizers before the meeting.
- No makeups for absence due to personal reasons.
- Three unexcused absence per semester will result in suspension from the orchestra.
• Only coach and parent volunteers can be present at the practice/rehearsal, all other parents must wait outside of the building.

11. Parent involvement
• At least two parents are encouraged to volunteer during each practice/rehearsal.
• Parent from each family must volunteer at least once per semester.

12. No after-club supervision

All students must be picked up by parents promptly after the dismissal. No after-club supervision is provided. Parent Volunteers will be present until the last student is picked up.
A. Enrollment

Please print this page, sign and email it to StringOrchestraMIMS@gmail.com.

I have read, understood, accepted and agreed to the terms and conditions described by the MIMS String Orchestra Club Handbook.

_________________________ Student Full Name (Print) _____________ Grade
_________________________ Parent Signature ______________ Date

B. Release of Liability

I _____ (Initial) understand the followings:

• The MIMS String Orchestra Club is an after-school club organized by parent volunteers.
• The MIMS String Orchestra Club, coach and parent volunteers are not liable for personal injuries and/or property damages when my child participated in the club activities.

_________________________ Parent Signature ______________ Date

C. Media Release Authorization

I _____(Initial) as the parent/guardian of _______________________(student name), hereby give the MIMS String Orchestra Club the permission to print, photography, and record my child in audio, video film or any other electronic, digital and printed media with an intention of encouraging and strengthening children’s participation and performance. Media might include, but not limited to the MIMS Parent Group on social media (Facebook, WeChat) Club/PTO newsletter, school website, school yearbook or other HISD websites or publications.

_________________________ Parent Signature ______________ Date

D. Parent Volunteers Sign-up

Parent volunteers’ roles: Assist the Coach and Sign kids in/out

How often are you willing to volunteer? (Please circle one)

a. Regularly
b. Once every semester (minimum requirement for club parents)