



# Policies and Procedures

## **Membership**

Any child in grades K through 8<sup>th</sup> is welcome.

**NOTE\*** to new members: Priority will be given during the Fall and Spring semesters to students who have attended the Texas State Youth Mariachi Summer Camp.

## **Instrument Choices**

We have created a program that is appropriate for each stage of development.

Grades K – 2

Instruments – Violin or Guitar

Grades 3 – 5

Instruments – Violin, Guitar, and Vihuela

Grades 6 – 8

Instruments - Violin, Guitar, Trumpet, Vihuela and Guitarron

## **Class Size**

To ensure the highest quality education for the students, we emphasize a low student to teacher ratio. All classes will have 8-10 students per teacher.

## **Attendance**

We take roll at all classes and ask that you bring your child on time and with all proper materials. Poor attendance can result in the student not participating in performances or in extreme cases termination of membership. There are no refunds of tuition for missed classes.

## **Band Class Requirement**

Singing up for Band is now **REQUIRED** for 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Recommended band instruments:

- Violins play – Flute or Trumpet
- Trumpets play – Trumpet

- Armonia (guitar, vihuela, and guitarron) play – Percussion or any Bass Clef instrument (low brass)

**NOTE\*** If there is no band program at your school, we **require** that you are involved in a weekly private lesson.

All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students must have a band requirement form completed by either their band director or private lesson teacher (if no band exists at your school). The band requirement form must be submitted along with your registration form. Please understand that your child (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students) will not be allowed in the program unless we have the Band Requirement Form on record.

### **Progress Reports and Evaluations**

We will send progress reports home twice a semester. These reports are to inform you of your child's progress in the program. Information on behavior, attendance, class participation and other factors will be gauged.

After the first poor progress report we expect the parent to meet with the teacher and find ways to improve the student's progress.

After the second poor progress report, parents, teacher and child must discuss the situation and begin a written growth plan. After the third poor evaluation, parents and teacher will meet with the director to discuss the situation and a termination of membership may be recommended.

Teachers

We will pass out evaluation forms for our teachers once a semester. Please understand that this information helps us improve our program. We encourage everyone to turn in this evaluation form.

### **Parental Involvement**

We encourage all parents to be involved as much as possible in their child's musical development by sitting in as many classes as possible. We have found that direct involvement between parents, teachers and children foster a greater musical development and experience

We hope every child has a successful and fulfilling experience in the Texas State Youth Mariachi Program.

Thank you for registering

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