

# ORCHESTRA PLAYING EXAMS

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

	4 WOW!	3 Good	2 Somewhat	1 Very Little	0 Not Shown
<b><u>INDIVIDUALLY</u></b>					
Posture					
Tone					
Intonation					
Rhythm					
Leadership/ Continuity					
Dynamics					
Bowing					
Articulation					
	_____ /32 points				
Overall Improvement	_____ /8 points				
Bonus: Practice Logs	1 point for each handed in				
<b>Total Score _____ /40</b>					

***“The moment we believe that success is determined by an ingrained level of ability as opposed to resilience and hard work, we will be brittle in the face of adversity.” -Joshua Waitzkin***

# MIDDLE SCHOOL PRACTICE LOG

*Practice makes progress, not perfect. To make significant progress,  
practice at least 5x/week for 15 minutes/day.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**What did you practice and for how long? (include measure numbers)**

**What were the things you had difficulty with? What techniques did you use to overcome those challenges?**

## **PRACTICE STRATEGIES:**

1. Practice slowly with a metronome. Then slowly pick up the tempo.
2. Take out the slurs before you add them back in.
3. Practice with rhythms (long->short, short->long)
4. Listen to the recording (maybe even try to play along)
5. Practice it in small chunks, one measure at a time. Maybe even only a few notes at a time until you can put it all together.
6. Remember to practice the hard parts!! The easy parts aren't what need the work.
7. Look on Ms. Miller's teacher page for resources and recordings
8. Email Ms. Miller to see when you can come for extra help after school

