



Dear Classical Instrumental Students and Parents,

We are pleased that you will be attending NOCCA for the 2018-19 school year. You should report for Prelude, NOCCA's orientation session, on **Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at the time your arts instruction would normally start (i.e. if your arts instructions starts at 1:15pm, please report at that time), to Room E227. The Prelude is a mandatory event. Please do not bring your instruments on August 15th.** The first day of class will be on **Thursday, August 16th (Friday August 17th at 4:00pm for Prep).** If you are in Academic Studio, please report at 8:00am. Otherwise, please report to school at the time of your arts instruction. At this class meeting, each student will be assigned an interim schedule for the first two-week period. Students who are not present for either Prelude or the first day of class will jeopardize their chances of success for the first semester at NOCCA. The interim schedule will remain effective until Decision Day (August 31st). At this time, students who have not met the course requirements during the probation period will be released to their sending school schedule with no grade penalty. Students who have met the requirements to end probation status will be given permanent schedules. It may become necessary to make other schedule adjustments during the school year as we become better acquainted with the respective students' abilities.

Beginning on the first day of school, every student will be held accountable for attendance and class assignments throughout the day. All students are responsible for transportation to and from NOCCA. **There will be no time for inactivity during the school day at NOCCA.** No student may leave campus during school hours without a parent/guardian's written consent. If any student leaves the campus without prior permission from the administrative office, it is grounds for suspension or expulsion.

Friday Performance Class 4:00-5:30 pm

Each Friday, there is a performance forum referred to as "Performance Class." Vocal, Jazz Instrumental, and Classical instrumental students present well-prepared performances in preparation for recital and concert performances. Parents and friends are invited to these weekly presentations. On rare occasions, the performances will run beyond 5:00. Should this happen, students are expected to stay until all performers have been heard. **Every music student is required to attend Performance Class every week. We especially discourage students from being checked out during Performance Class as it is highly disruptive and rude to the other participants.**

Private Instrumental Lessons

For all NOCCA Classical Instrumental students, it is mandatory to take the private lessons at least twice a month. However, all piano and cello students will study with NOCCA faculty members only. Other instrumental students' private instructors **MUST** be approved by the NOCCA Classical Instrumental faculty at the beginning of the first quarter.

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Middle School (7th and 8th grade) Students

All Classical Instrumental Middle School students must attend NOCCA 4:00-6:30pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. These students will study theory, musicianship, and chamber music and attend the Friday Performance Class/rehearsals from 4:00–6:30pm.

Level I-IV Students

All Level I-IV Classical Instrumental students will attend class at 1:15pm Monday through Friday. Students will take a three-unit course of study prescribed by the faculty to include core courses, applied music, and ensembles, with a normal dismissal time of 3:45pm. Extra practice hours and private lesson times may occur after these hours. Some students will be asked to attend the 4:00-6:30pm late day session due to conflicts with their sending school's schedule.

NOTE: To comply with the prescribed coursework, we will require students to adapt to a varying schedule that occasionally will keep them on campus later than 3:45pm. This extra time may be used for rehearsals or special presentations (in addition to the Performance Class time already noted). The Classical division presents several performances during the year. These performances will require extra time for rehearsals outside of regular NOCCA class time.

Required Materials

Each student should have the following for the first day of school:

- three-ring binder with dividers for each course
- paper/manuscript paper
- dependable supply of pencils and pens

We welcome all returning and new students and look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, August 16th for an exciting new school year at NOCCA. Please feel free to contact Dr. Ko with any questions or concerns at jko@nocca.com.

Sincerely,

The NOCCA Classical Instrumental Faculty
Dr. Jee Yeoun Ko, Chair