



Beginning Orchestra Parent Night

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Orchestra Instruments

Violin

- Highest String Instrument
 - Orchestras have 2 sections
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Viola

- Mid-range string instrument
- Similar technique to the violin



Cello

- Only orchestra instrument that must play sitting down
- Strung like a viola, but one octave lower



Bass

- Largest and lowest string instrument
- Might have opportunity to play in jazz band
- Can play sitting or standing



Why Orchestra?

- Serious study of music compliments academics
- Orchestra fosters student responsibility and teamwork
- Offers a lifetime of enjoyment through performance and listening.
- It's fun!!

When Orchestra Meets:

- 1 small group lesson every 4 days* (30 min.)
 - Our elementary schedule has changed because of the new middle school schedule. Therefore the lessons are not the same each week. You will receive a schedule in the fall prior to the beginning of lessons.
- 1 large group rehearsal each week on the same day as lessons (during recess, 20 min.)

Student Expectations:

- Practicing at home
- Student progress will be monitored this year
- Have all materials for each rehearsal and lesson including instrument, book and pencil
- Perform in all orchestra concerts
- Agree to stay in orchestra for the whole year

Parental Expectations

- Help your child set a regular practice time and place
- Review your child's progress report with your child
- Help to keep your child's instrument in playing condition
- Expose your child to great music, live or recorded

Expectations for Teachers

- Provide a comprehensive music education
- Create a curriculum that is continuous through 8th grade
- Instruct students on how to become lifelong consumers of music.
- Have a fun classroom environment with high expectations for student learning.

How do I rent an instrument?

- Fill out rental contract
- Turn in form directly to the vendor by: August 1st
- Student will receive their instrument when Orchestra begins in the fall
- Please note: You will need to rent the instrument for the entire school year.

Orchestra Materials

- Essential Elements Book 1
- Folder and Pencil
- Rosin
- Shoulder Rest (Violins and Violas)
- Rock Stop (Cello and Bass)

Concert Attire

- District 96 Orchestra Polo Shirt (Will be available for purchase in the fall)
- Black Bottoms and shoes
 - For Girls: Dress pants or skirt; black dress shoes; black socks
 - For Boys: Dress pants; black socks; black dress shoes

Vendors

- Make sure the vendor will supply a working instrument and bow that is tunable and playable
- Make sure that the vendor will supply you with the correct book (Essential Elements Book 1) and stand
- Make sure your vendor will provide appropriate services

Important Deadlines!

- Beginning Orchestra Registration form:
Tonight!
 - Make sure to fill out completely!
- Rental Contracts (Turn into vendors by
August 1st)

Questions?

Registration Form



Contact Information

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 - Hoffman Strings: 847-478-1163
 - Solo Classic Inc.: 847-276-2710
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