

BEGINNING ORCHESTRA PARENT NIGHT

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Orchestra Instruments

Violin

- Highest String Instrument
- Orchestras have 2 sections



Viola

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





Cello

- Only orchestra instrument that must sit to play
- Strung like a viola, but an 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:

- * 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
- * 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
- * Students 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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 - * Solo Classic Inc.: 847-276-2710