



Orchestra Notes

Davis School District 6th Grade Orchestra



September 2019

WHERE TO RENT:

Instruments may be rented from a number of music stores. The following are recommended for good service and rental rates:

Summerhays Music
(801) 546-4446

Academy of Music
(801) 444-0554

Bountiful Music
(801) 292-1804

Riverton Music
(801) 773-5800

Burt Murdock Music
(801) 748-4312

Please be aware that the best deal online is not always going to be the best instrument. If ordering online make sure it is from a reputable music company.



Beginning Orchestra!

This is the year that your student has the opportunity to learn a string instrument in the Davis School District's 6th Grade orchestra class!

There is no added fee to take this class.

The instruments taught the elementary grades are: **Violin, viola, cello and bass.**

The orchestra program provides a wonderful opportunity for your child. Learning to play a string instrument and belonging to the school orchestra opens up a whole new world of friendship and fun along with the thrill of playing and working toward a worthwhile goal.

Practicing at home is expected and important for beginners. My goal is to quickly, yet thoroughly, have students learning their instruments; playing and even performing!

Please be aware that orchestra is a year-long commitment, and stress this to your student.

I look forward to working with your student! Please email me if you have any questions.

How do I sign my student up for 6th grade orchestra?

Please fill out Elementary Orchestra Registration Form at:
<https://forms.gle/calqmsSrGLZE7c8>

Attend a **Parent Night** September 17th at 6 PM at Legacy Jr High in the choir room.

When do classes begin?

- Classes start the week of September 24th
- Refer to the back page for your school's date and time.

What does my student need to get started?

- Your student will need to rent an instrument (violin, viola, cello, bass). **NOTE:** instruments come in different sizes; be sure to take your student with you to the music store for the perfect fit.
- **Rosin**
- **Shoulder Rest.** (Violin/viola only).
- **Rock Stop** (cello/bass only).
- **Essential Elements for Strings, Book 1**
- A pencil and folder (to keep music in)
- A soft cloth to clean the instrument.
- Renter's insurance is optional, but a good idea!!

Teacher Information:
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CONFIDENCE • AWARENESS • APPRECIATION

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT • APPRECIATION • GROWTH • POISE • SATISFACTION • CHALLENGE • DETAIL • LEADERSHIP

The orchestra and your child.

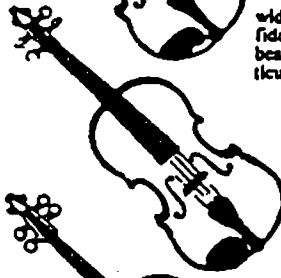
An invaluable growth experience.

TEAMWORK • DISCIPLINE • CONCENTRATION

Beginning Orchestra



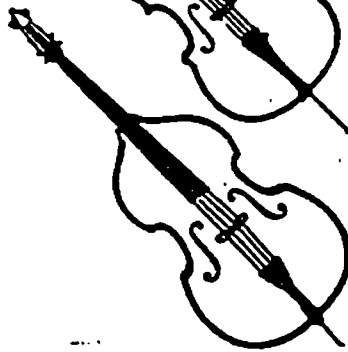
*** violin:** Unaltered for centuries, the violin is perhaps the most widely recognized orchestral instrument. Whether you call it a violin or a fiddle, it is the string family's soprano or highest voice. High pitched, beautifully toned, the violin is often used as a lead or solo instrument, particularly in music demanding fast passage work.



*** viola:** Played under the chin in much the same manner as the violin, the viola is slightly larger and tuned differently than its sister instrument. A larger tone chamber endows the viola with its mellow qualities and enables it to produce somber, moody tones. The alto voice of the string family, the viola adds depth and richness and is vital for string ensembles and quartets.

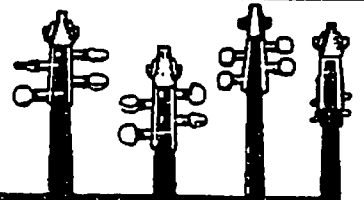


*** cello:** Officially known as the violoncello, the cello represents the tenor voice of the string section. Tuned a full octave lower than the viola, the cello produces deep lower registers and subdued higher tones. Unlike either the violin or the viola, the cello is supported on the floor by an endpin while the seated performer steadies the instrument with his or her knees.



bass: The string family's largest instrument, the string or double bass may be played with a bow or plucked by hand in either sitting or standing positions. The bass is the deepest voice of the string family and can function as rhythmic accompaniment or as solo instrument. The deep response of the bass gives foundation and "bottom" to the orchestra.

what your child can learn from the orchestra:



teamwork:

The orchestra coordinates individual abilities into one central effort. It gives children the feeling of group loyalty and motivation. An orchestra stimulates and defines and gives the child that essential feeling of belonging.

discipline:

The orchestra teaches responsibility. Emphasis is placed on following instructions and teaches the child respect for music and group effort.

a career:

Few young orchestra participants possess the talent, drive and self discipline necessary to create a performing career; but the achievement of maximum individual potential can lead to college scholarships and other financially beneficial arrangements...and possibly the accolades of music aficionados everywhere.

concentration:

Attention to detail is vital in all education-related projects. Concentration built in the orchestra often carries over to other areas, improving study habits and increasing intellectual understanding and curiosity.

personal achievement:

Recognizing, meeting and overcoming a challenge may be the single most rewarding experience of all. Orchestra participation offers that opportunity by providing a learning experience where growth and fulfillment can occur.

appreciation:

Orchestra participation encourages respect and appreciation for the aesthetic values and the beauty of the music created.

Orchestra Rehearsal Schedule and Registration



School: Sand Springs

Location for rehearsals: Stage

Rehearsals will be held the following days/times at your school:

Tuesdays from 8:45-9:30 AM and Thursdays from 7:45-8:30 AM

First Rehearsal is on: September 24th @ 8:45 AM

Please attend the Parent Night

September 17th @ 6:00 PM at Legacy Jr. High in the band room

How to Register for Orchestra:

To sign up for orchestra fill out the Elementary Orchestra Registration Form here:

<https://forms.gle/ca1qmsSrGLZErG7c8>

School Instruments:

Most students will need to provide your own instrument. I have a **ONLY** school cellos and basses, and the quantity is very limited. Please know that I usually have 5 requests for every 1 instrument. That said, if there is a need for a school instrument- you must email me requesting an instrument **AND** come to the parent night. This does not guarantee an instrument.

Please email me cellery@dsdmail.net with any questions.