

6th Grade Orchestra Program Highlights

The instruments in Orchestra!



VIOLIN

- Smallest of the orchestra.
- Played on the shoulder.
- Plays the higher notes in the orchestra.
- These students will rent outside of the school. Cost is about \$20 per month, but the more you rent the faster your instrument becomes yours forever!



CELLO

- Almost as big as the person playing it!
- Played between the knees, while sitting down.
- Plays lower notes than the viola.
- These students get instruments from the school. A one-time maintenance fee of \$40 will be paid and in return you get TWO cellos – one that stays at home and one that stays at school!



VIOLA

- A little bigger than the violin.
- Played on the shoulder.
- Plays the middle notes of the orchestra.
- These students will rent a viola outside of the school. Cost is about \$20 per month, but the more you rent the faster your instrument becomes yours forever!



DOUBLE BASS
(Bass for short)

- Taller and wider than the person playing it!
- Played vertically while standing.
- Plays the lowest notes in the orchestra. These students get instruments from the school. A one-time maintenance fee of \$40 will be paid and in return you get TWO basses – one that stays at home and one that stays at school!

What do we do in orchestra?

Overall:

- We learn how to play our instruments well
- We learn how to read notes
- We learn how to take care of our instruments
- We learn how to be an orchestra student
- We learn about what professional orchestra people do in the real world

Events:

- We put on two concerts for friends, families, teachers, administration!
- We go on field trips!
- We have competitions for trophies and bragging rights!
- We play fun music!
- We play in school assemblies and other events

FAQ:

Who can be in orchestra?

Anyone!

What if I don't know how to read music?

No. That's what your Orchestra teacher is there for! Part of his/her job is to teach you how to read music.

How do I sign up for orchestra?

1. Pick orchestra as your 1st choice on your course selection sheet form the counselors.
2. Have your parents fill out the orange orchestra application sheet.
3. Attend the parent meeting on how to gather your instrument and supplies (date/time TBA)

Is it guaranteed that I will get my first choice of instrument?

No. That's why you pick your first choice and your second choice.

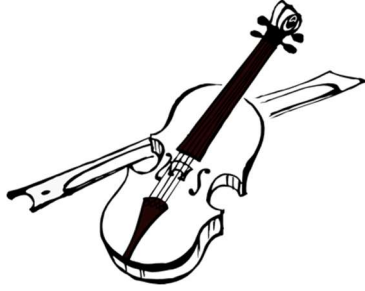
How do I get an instrument?

There will be a mandatory meeting for future orchestra students and orchestra parents. Violin and Viola students will rent an instrument outside of the school. Your Orchestra teacher will provide that information once he/she knows you'll be in orchestra. The price is affordable and comes with many benefits. Cello and Double Bass students will pay a one-time \$40 fee at the beginning of the 6th Grade school year and will receive one instrument to stay at school and one to keep at home.

What if I can't afford the instrument or supplies?

Ask your orchestra teacher for help. He/She is willing to work with you if you really want to be in orchestra, but you're worried about finances. He/She have many ways to help!

Questions? Please email Ms. Pizarro at: carmenpizarrodelgado@misdmail.org



Intermediate School 6th Grade Orchestra Application and Agreement

PRINT LEGIBLY!

Your orchestra teacher will need to communicate with you several times before the end of the school year and during the summer! Thank you in advanced!

Student Name (first and last): _____
Student Team and Team Teacher: _____

1st Choice of Instrument (circle one): Violin Viola Cello Bass
2nd Choice of Instrument (circle one): Violin Viola Cello Bass

Primary Parent/Guardian Name (first and last): _____
Primary Parent/Guardian E-mail Address: _____
Primary Parent/Guardian Phone Number: _____

Parents and students - please read carefully and initial the following:

Student	Parent	
_____	_____	I understand that spots for orchestra are first come, first serve.
_____	_____	I understand that all violin and viola students/parents are required to rent their own instruments and buy supplies before your 6 th grade year with your teacher's guidance.
_____	_____	I understand that in order to receive two instruments (home/school) cello and bass students/parents are required to pay a \$40 maintenance fee at the beginning of 6 th grade year.
_____	_____	I understand that cello and bass students/parents are still required to obtain the other supplies before the start of your 6 th grade year.
_____	_____	I understand that orchestra parents will attend the mandatory meeting when your orchestra teacher sends you the invite.

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