

Why take orchestra?

- Learn to play a musical instruments
- Learn teamwork and make new friends
- Learn discipline and goal setting
- Strengthen concentration and hand-eye coordination
- Experience personal achievement and build confidence
- Learn appreciation for the beauty and value of music
- Perform in the *Monster Concert* in May
- Get a special orchestra t-shirt
- Develop a talent that can last a lifetime

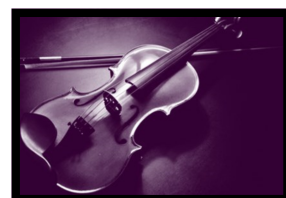
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6th Grade Orchestra Registration Information

Welcome to orchestra!

Dear students and parents,

I am delighted to have the chance to be your child's future orchestra director and am excited to begin this year's string program. It is exciting to bring students a new opportunity that the music world holds through offering this **free** program! The possibilities for development through music learning are endless, including helping students to advance academically while increasing eye-hand coordination. They will be introduced to a lifetime of appreciating the beauty of creating music in addition to giving them the chance to feel they belong to something worthwhile. I feel a deep sense of dedication to developing a strong orchestra program at your school and look forward to working with you and your child. If you have questions after looking over this handout, please feel free to contact me.



Play one of the most beautiful instruments in the world!

Frequently asked questions

Is it free to join?	Yes! The only cost involved is renting an instrument, which ranges from \$15-\$50 a month depending on the instrument.
Is it only for 6th graders?	Yes
What if they decide they don't like it. Can they withdraw at any time?	Yes! Orchestra is not for everyone and it's ok to quit anytime. Make sure you talk to Mr. Kemp.
My student has already been taking lessons. Should they still join?	Yes! They can be mentors or tutors for other students or they can join us for our performances.
Can my child join if they have no musical background?	Yes! We start with the basics of music.
Are band instruments also available?	No. But students can take orchestra this year and both orchestra and band in 7th grade.

Important Information:

Orchestra Parent

Information Meeting/Open House

Wednesday, September 14 4:00-7:00 p.m. @

Shoreline Junior High (choir room)

1150 S Westside Dr. in Layton

The Orchestra Parent Meeting is an opportunity where parents and orchestra students can come to ask questions and have Mr. Kemp look over your instrument if needed. Students whose parents/guardians have reserved a school cello/bass need to come to check out their instrument. There will be no formal meeting. It will be an open house format so you can come anytime between 4-7:00 p.m. at your convenience.

Orchestra will start week of September 19

Mondays from 8:45-9:25 a.m.

Thursdays from 7:45-8:25 a.m.

How do I get an orchestra instrument?



Students can choose to play an instrument that is played in a string orchestra; violin, viola, cello, or bass. Students must provide their own instrument. If you do not already have one hiding in the closet, Information on where to obtain an instrument is available on my Mr. Kemp's website at <https://tinyurl.com/rkemp6thorch> If your financial situation allows, please rent your own instrument through a music store. On average, violins rent for \$15-20, violas \$20-25, cellos \$35-50 and basses \$50+ per month. All instruments are available for rent to own or purchase. **Please don't purchase an internet instrument unless you have talked to Mr. Kemp first!** Some of the instruments available for purchase on the internet may look good but the quality is poor. Many times students who try playing these instruments fail in orchestra because the instruments fail the student. There are a couple of cellos and basses available through the district for student use at your school which are available at no cost. They will be assigned to students who need them on a first come, first serve basis. Parents must email Mr. Kemp at rkemp@dsdmail.net to reserve an instrument. Please keep in mind a 2nd choice for an instrument just in case your 1st

Who is the teacher?

Education:

Weber State University : Bachelor of Arts Music Education (Instrumental/choral)
Lesley University (Boston): Masters of Education Instructional Technology

Teaching Experience:

Professional Teacher since 1993: Davis School District
Private Instructor: violin/viola

Professional Organization Memberships:

Utah Music Educators Association (UMEA)
National Association for Music Education (NAfME)
American String Teachers Association (ASTA)



Mr. Kemp

How do I sign up?

Please register online at Mr. Kemp's website at
<https://tinyurl.com/rkemp6thorch>

To register, scroll down and click on the "6th Grade Orchestra Registration" link. If you do not have access to the internet, please ask in the office for a 6th grade orchestra registration sheet. Once you have completed the sheet, return it to the office and they will make sure it is given to Mr. Kemp.

