

General Course Information

Course Name: Elementary Beginning Strings	
Department: Music	Grade Level(s): 3-4
Duration/Credits: N/A	Prerequisites: None
BOE Approval Date: 11/19/19	Course Code: None
Course Description:	
<p>This course will provide the tools a student needs to gain basic proficiency at playing a stringed instrument, music notation by rote, and interacting musically in an orchestra. The major emphasis is on basic instrument care, listening and developing the fundamentals of good posture and playing skills on the violin.</p>	
Course Rationale:	
<p>The elementary strings program foster's development of playing and listening skills of all students through active, hands-on participation. Playing in a strings class encourages growth in personal discipline, persistence, cooperation, concentration and communication. An emphasis on how to create quality in both sound and performance leads to personal enjoyment and success, as music is a global language.</p>	
Course Objectives:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The student will learn basic instrument care.• The student will demonstrate proper playing posture and position.• The student will develop basic bowing technique to produce a full, ringing tone.• The student will learn aurally and by rote, reading basic rhythms and playing with expression.• The student will develop and discern intonation in first position.• The student will learn the fundamentals of performing in an ensemble.• The student will develop effective practice habits.	
Standards Alignment:	
https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/curr-mls-standards-fa-music-sboe-2019.pdf	