

# **Summer Strings 2026**

**All classes will be held in the Orchestra Room (4-131) at  
Newton High School.**

## **Beginning Strings and Instrument Switching**

### **1 June-26 June**

Learn to play the violin, viola, cello, or bass. This class is for students who have never played a stringed instrument before or who would like to try a new instrument and is open to all incoming Santa Fe 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students will begin learning the basics of how to play the instrument, how to care for it, and how to read music. Students will need an instrument, supplies, and the Essential Elements 2000 Book 1.

**Violin and Viola sessions will be held Monday-Friday from  
11:30-12:15.**

**Cello and Bass sessions will be held Monday-Friday from 12:30-1:15.**

## **Two-Week Intensive Sessions**

### **Session 1 (1 June-12 June)**

#### **5/6 Orchestra (8:30-10:00 Daily)**

This class is a performance group for students who have *just completed 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra* at Santa Fe. We will learn to tune our instruments and continue to refine our playing skills with students from the Santa Fe Orchestras. Home-schooled students are welcome to join us.

#### **Violin and Viola Audition Intensive (10:15-11:15 Daily)**

Learn how to prepare for a successful audition or solo performance. Open to all students eligible to audition for the 2025 KMEA All-State Orchestra and drawing from the required audition excerpts for that audition, these sessions will address the process of developing musical, technical, and performance skills.

### **Session 2 (15 June-26 June)**

#### **7/8 Orchestra (8:30-10:00 Daily)**

This class is a performance group for students who have *just completed 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra* at Chisholm. We will continue to refine our skills by playing fun and exciting chamber and orchestral music. Home schooled students are welcome to join us.

**Cello and Bass Audition Intensive (10:15-11:15 Daily)**

Learn how to prepare for a successful audition or solo performance. Open to all students eligible to audition for the 2025 KMEA All-State Orchestra and drawing from the required audition excerpts for that audition, these sessions will address the process of developing musical, technical, and performance skills.

Please bring the Summer Strings Enrollment Form and the \$40 fee on the first day of class.

**NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2026 SUMMER ORCHESTRA PROGRAMS  
ENROLLMENT FORM  
PLEASE FILL OUT THE INFORMATION BELOW.**

Student's Name

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School Attended (25-26)

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Grade Level SY 25-26: \_\_\_\_\_ Age

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Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name

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Address

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E-mail address

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Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work

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Course(s):

#1 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 \_\_\_\_\_

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***PLEASE ATTACH PAYMENT WITH THIS FORM WHEN ENROLLING IN ONE OF THE PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW.***

**The summer orchestra fee is \$40.00. If you are taking more than one class, the fee is \$40 for each class. If writing a check, please make checks payable to USD 373 and write your student's name in the memo section of the check. Bring the check and form on the first day of class.**

**Beginner Sessions (1 June-26 June)**

Beginning Strings (Violin/Viola)	11:30-12:15
Beginning Strings (Cello/Bass)	12:30-1:15

**Session 1 (1 June-12 June)**

5/6 Orchestra	8:30-10:00
State Excerpts (Violin/Cello)	10:15-11:15

**Session 2 (13 June-26 June)**

7/8 Orchestra	8:30-10:00
State Excerpts (Viola/Bass)	10:15-11:15

**Questions? Please contact:**

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Office use only:                      Date received \_\_\_\_\_  
Fees \_\_\_\_\_

Total