

Beginning Elementary

STRING

CLASSES

ORCHESTRA

@Rose Hill Junior High

A GATEWAY TO A MUSICAL LIFETIME

Orchestra class enhances:

- ◆ Self-Confidence
- ◆ Listening Skills
- ◆ Goal Setting
- ◆ Self-expression
- ◆ Coordination
- ◆ Concentration
- ◆ Memory Skills
- ◆ Poise
- ◆ Cooperative learning
- ◆ Multi-cultural learning

The String Family

Violin— Whether you call it a violin or a fiddle, it is the string family's highest voice.

Viola— Played under the chin in much the same manner as the violin. The viola is tuned differently; it has a larger tone with mellow qualities. We need a lot of them!

Cello— The cello produces deep sounds. Unlike the violin or the viola, the cello is supported on the floor by an endpin. Cellists **always** get a chair!

String Bass— The bass is the string family's largest instrument. It has the deepest voice of the string family.

Beginning String Orchestra Class Registration (please print clearly)

Bring this form to the parent meeting **OR** mail this form to:
OR Register online by emailing this information to: Jamiller@lwsd.org

Student Name _____ Grade _____

School _____ General Classroom Teacher _____

Parent's Names _____ Home Phone _____

Street Address/Zip Code _____

email Address _____ Work Phone _____

Instrument Preference (Circle one)

Violin

Viola

Cello

String Bass

Details, Details, Details...

Orchestra classes: Instruction is offered for fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students. The focus is on beginning instrumental technique and music reading skills with performance opportunities three times yearly.

Class Schedule: Classes, 45 minutes in length, are held Monday, Wednesday, and/or Friday in the Rose Hill Jr. High School auditorium. Classes begin on **Wednesday, September 21st, at 7:30am in the morning.** For most of the year students will attend class on two of the three days. **Please attend class even if you don't have your instrument yet.**

Instrument setup: This will be a great chance for you to have your instrument set up; we will put finger tapes, label bows, check instrument size/fit, and make sure everything is in order. This activity is optional but highly recommended. It will take place on **Friday September 16th, 7:30am-8:30am and Monday the 19th at the same time** at Rose Hill Junior High. No bus service will be provided. Come as well if you need information about how to get an instrument.

Transportation: The junior high school bus will provide transportation to Rose Hill Jr. High. After orchestra, an elementary bus will transport students to their home schools for the beginning of their regular elementary day.

Parent Info Night:

Students and parents will then be invited to an OPTIONAL evening meeting on **Monday, September 12th, at 7:00pm in the RHJH Auditorium**, where additional information about the program and instrument rental will be explained.

Additional Information: During the first few days of school, orchestra teachers have traveled to the elementary schools to introduce the orchestra instruments to students.

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Setting a Student Up for Success!

Before you head to the internet for that "bargain instrument" let me share with you my 20 years of experience with searching for student string instruments. Music is an investment in life-long learning.

Here is your first lesson: Violin/string specialty shops are committed to value and sharing their knowledge of all the stringed instruments. There are many reputable local music store dealers who have repair facilities ON SITE to complete repairs quickly and professionally.

I strongly suggest **NOT BUYING** an instrument. Rental payments go towards store credit so that the next size instrument can be chosen. String instruments are like shoes...as the student grows so must the instrument. An over sized instrument will **ASSURE FAILURE** within the first 6 months.

Instruments not performing to adequate standards will be sent back to place of origin for repair or replacement.

PLEASE bring your instrument of choice to us so that we can use our experienced eye and ear to help you get the most value for your money.

-Janet K. Miller and Antonio Marin, orchestra directors-

