



STRING ORCHESTRA
Espirito Santo School
Mrs. Tavares, String Instructor

Do you want to join the String Orchestra?

Our String program is available to all students in the 4th through 8th grades. During the first year, students who choose to participate, will be part of a group lesson and learn beginner basics on the violin, viola or cello.

Lessons take place during the school day, and students will be taken out of the classroom to attend. Students will meet once a week, and will need to make-up all missed class work. Maintaining a certain grade average in the classroom is important to remain in the orchestra. If a student is struggling in that academic class or missing homework assignments, he/she will not be permitted to continue until all work is made up.

Students will be expected to practice their weekly music assignments at home for at least 15 minutes each day. Students are expected to bring their instrument, and music book to school on the day of their group lesson. (Wednesdays or Fridays)

When joining the String Orchestra it is expected that it is a full school year commitment. If for any reason a student should decide to drop, parents will be expected to contact and notify Mrs. Tavares. No student will be allowed to quit orchestra without a parent's consent.

- Classes will start on Wednesday, September 25th, and Friday, September 27th for an introduction class without instruments.
- Orchestra will meet once a week, on Wednesdays or Fridays, during the regular school day.
- Signed permission and student forms are due back to school by Tuesday, September 24th.
- No experience necessary-Beginners start on choice of violin, viola or cello
- In order to participate and continue in the String program, students must remain in good academic standing in their classroom.
- Joining the String Orchestra is a commitment, and students will learn to read music, and play their instruments alone and with others. At the end of the school year, there will be a String Orchestra Concert showcasing all of their talent and hard work.
- Playing a string instrument and being part of an orchestra can be an incredibly rewarding and enriching experience.
- Throughout the year, students will learn how to play a string instrument of choice in a musical ensemble. They will develop many skills, including psychomotor and cognitive skills.
- Students will have the chance to build friendships while having fun, working hard, and learning how to read and play music, and ultimately making beautiful music together!

Getting Started

Your child will need an appropriate sized instrument to get started. You may choose to go to a music store nearby at your convenience to get them sized correctly. There will also be an opportunity for students to receive an instrument at the school. I highly recommend renting and not purchasing online or otherwise. Students may not be fitted for the correct size, or may outgrow the instrument leaving parents to make a new purchase every few years from now until highschool. We will be offering an afternoon for string instrument rentals provided by the Symphony Music Shop, at Espirito Santo School. During this time, interested students and parents will be able to rent through the Symphony Music Shop, which is located in Dartmouth, Ma. This rental night will provide parents the convenience of looking into the rental program that the music shop provides, and a chance to easily rent an instrument if interested in doing so. There is no obligation to rent an instrument through the Symphony Shop; this service will be provided as a convenience to you. At the start of classes all students will need to have an appropriate sized instrument as well as the music book, and other small materials to get started. Depending on the instrument, I will send more information home about what materials will be necessary for your choice instrument.

Please fill out and send the attached form to the school office by Tuesday, September 24th, 2024. Classes will begin on September 25th, without instruments, and then the week of Wednesday, October 2nd with instruments. All beginner students will need an instrument in hand for Orchestra class starting on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at school or by email at stavares@es.dfrcs.org

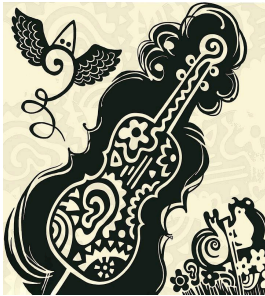
Instrumental Permission Form

My child, _____, is interested in taking lessons on the _____.

(Student's Name)

(Violin, Viola, or Cello)

I understand that I will need an instrument, shoulder rest, and a music book for my child. He/She will be taking group lessons during the scheduled music classes each week. He/She will also be responsible for practicing his/her music daily, and bringing in materials needed for class each week.



(Parent/ Guardian Signature)

***Please check one of the following:**

My child is a returning student to the String Orchestra this year. We have been renting an instrument and are ready to start classes with instruments, the week of October 2, 2024

**I will be attending the after school Symphony Shop Rental Night at school on Tuesday, October 1, 2024
(More information will be provided as we get closer)**

I will not be attending, but will be sure to make other arrangements to rent an appropriate sized instrument for my child before the start of classes on October 2, 2024.

My best contact is: **Email:** _____

Cell Phone: _____

I, _____, have also read the above information and have spoken with

(Student's Name)

my parents/ guardians about the responsibilities included with taking instrumental lessons. I also agree to make up all class work, and to practice for a minimum of 15-20 minutes each day. I understand that it is a privilege to be allowed to play an instrument, and to be a member of the E.S. String Orchestra. I will proudly do my best to be the best musician I can be!

(Student's Signature)

