

Strings

Class Handbook

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In Strings Class you will Learn

- 1.) The parts of your instrument
- 2.) The care and maintenance of your instrument
- 3.) Proper playing positions
- 4.) Fundamentals of left hand technique
- 5.) Fundamentals of bowing technique
- 6.) Fundamentals of Music Theory
- 7.) Various different songs



Strings Course Information

- ◆ Strings classes are a full school year long course of study.
- ◆ Once enrolled in Strings the student is committed to be in Strings class for the full school year.
- ◆ Once enrolled students may not drop Strings class.
- ◆ Once enrolled students must attend all Strings classes and may not skip class.
- ◆ Students can be dismissed from Strings class if they are unable to follow the Class Expectations and Class Policies.

Strings Class Expectations

Listen When Others Talk or Play

Respect Each Other and your Teacher

Always Do Your Best

Follow Directions

Share With Others

Clean up and Help Out

Say Please and Thank You

Strings Class Policies

- 1.) When the teacher raises their hand students must stop playing and talking and wait for instructions.
- 2.) Students are to raise their hand and wait to be called on if they have something to say or have a request.
- 3.) Students are to remain in their chairs unless otherwise specified by the teacher.
- 4.) Students are to keep their hands and feet to themselves at all times.
- 5.) Hands and feet are to be kept off the music stands.
- 6.) Students must be visible to the teacher.
- 7.) Whenever the teacher or a student is playing a solo or presenting something to the class the other students must give them their full attention.
- 8.) Strings class is a no running zone at all times.
- 9.) Students who play violin or viola are required to use a sponge or shoulder rest for support. This is provided by the teacher.
- 10.) Once students have picked an instrument, (violin, viola or cello) they may not switch instruments.

****To enroll please fill out and return the Required forms on the following pages**

Strings Class Contract

*Required Form, please fill out and return

Parent Contract

I have read and understand the Strings Class Handbook. I understand that my child will be enrolled in Strings for the entire school year and may not drop Strings at any point during the school year.

**Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Student Contract

I have read and understand the Strings Class Handbook. I understand that I will be enrolled in Strings for the entire school year. I agree to follow the Class Expectations and Class Policies and to remember my instrument on days Strings classes meet.

**Student Signature: _____

Strings Enrollment Form

*Required Form, please fill out and return

****please print clearly**

Student Name: _____

School and Grade: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Primary Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Phone: _____

****please fill out and return the Required PE waiver on the following page**

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| ELEMENTARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION WAIVER | |
| School: _____ School Year _____ Date _____ | |
| Student Name (print): | Grade Level: |
| Parent Name (print): | Parent Signature: |
| Home Address: | |
| Phone (home): | Phone (work and/or cell): |



Select one of the following options:

WAIVER OPTION ONE: THE PARENT REQUESTS THAT THE STUDENT ENROLL IN ANOTHER COURSE FROM AMONG THOSE OFFERED AS OPTIONS BY THE SCHOOL.

In lieu of participating in the required 150 minutes per week of Physical Education, the student will be scheduled to take another course*.
 *Course offerings are subject to availability at each school.

A waiver may not be requested after the student's schedule has been completed.

WAIVER OPTION TWO: THE STUDENT IS PARTICIPATING IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY (EXCLUDING SCHOOL PROGRAMS) WHICH ARE EQUAL TO OR IN EXCESS OF THE MANDATED REQUIREMENT.

In lieu of participating in the required 150 minutes per week of Physical Education, the student will participate in physical activities outside the school day (*excluding school programs*).

Obtaining an Instrument to use

****Using a School Instrument**

- There is **no charge** for use of a school instrument for the school year.
- At the the end of the school year **school instruments must be returned in the the condition they were checked out in.**
- ***For instruments that are not returned or are returned badly damaged the parent/guardian of the student will be charged for the replacement cost.***
- If electing to use a school instrument please fill out the form on the next page that says **Instrument Check-out Form** and return to me.

****Renting or Buying an instrument**

- Please turn the last of this handbook page for a **List of local Music Stores** to rent or purchase from.



**ORANGE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BAND/ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENT CHECK-OUT FORM**

The undersigned student and parent/guardian hereby acknowledge receipt of the school owned Music Department property listed below. In consideration for this property being issued to us, we do hereby agree to the following:

1. To accept full fiscal responsibility for the below named equipment.
2. To keep, at my own expense, said property in good repair and playing condition.
3. To surrender any Music Department property issued to me, upon notice by the Band/Orchestra Director or school authorities.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Instrument Viola/Viola/cello Brand _____ Model _____

Factory Serial No. _____ County I.D. No. _____

Condition: Excellent (Good) Fair Poor

Instrument blemishes to note at the time of check-out: _____

INSTRUMENT IS EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING ACCESSORIES:

Case/Bag Mouthpiece _____ Cap _____ Strap _____ Bocal _____ Swab _____

Sticks or Mallets _____ Clearing Rod _____ Ligature _____ Bow

Other _____

Student Name _____ School _____ Grade _____

Date _____ Parent/Guardian _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Work Phone _____

Approved by: Bahn Plops (property custodian)

I agree to the above agreement as listed above: _____ (parent)
_____ (student)

~~Instrument maintenance and repair donation \$ _____~~

****Please do not buy an instrument on Amazon!!**

****Buying a well made instrument requires knowledge and expertise. Please use the following local String Instrument shops to purchase or rent.**

Local Instrument Shops

****Muni Strings**

433 W. New England Ave Unit D Winter Park FL 32789
407 951-6526
munistrings.com

****Atlantic Strings**

750 N. Mills Ave. Orlando FL 32803
407 898-2698
atlanticstrings.com