



Bellview Middle School Orchestras

2024-2025 Orchestra 1 Supplies List

*Orchestra students need to have ALL of their supplies by **September 2nd!** Please consider giving a \$20 optional donation for the cost of sheet music and classroom supplies.*

Required supplies for every Orchestra student:

- concert polo (see handbook)
- 3 ring binder for sheet music and classwork
- 30 sheet protectors (matte finish is preferred)
- pencil bag/pouch for binder
- 1 highlighter
- clip-on or box tuner (a cell phone will NOT be acceptable)
- polish cloth or microfiber cloth
- rosin (Bass rosin should be the POPS brand in a red container)
- folding or fixed music stand
- chunky rubber Practice Mute (this type sits across the length of the bridge)

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Additional required supplies for your child's instrument:

Violin/Viola This instrument should be rented/purchased from a local music store and transported to and from school every day.

Supplies: one extra SET of strings in your child's instrument size (please do not get a shoulder rest!)

Book: Orchestra Expressions, Violin Book 1 for \$9.00 (yellow book) *Viola players should get a viola book, not a violin book!*

Cello This instrument is available for your child to use while at school, but students may transport theirs to and from school every day if desired. **You must rent/purchase one for home use and bring it to all concerts.**

Supplies: Rock Stop *with strap*, ONE extra D string, and ONE extra A string.

Book: Orchestra Expressions, Cello Book 1 for \$9.00 (yellow book)

Bass This instrument is available for your child to use while at school. **You must rent/purchase one for home use and transport it to concerts.**

Supplies: German style bow (please do not get a French style bow), POPS rosin (red container), round rock stop (check that it's for bass and not cello!)

Book: Orchestra Expressions, Bass Book 1 for \$9.00 (yellow book)

Your child will not be happy or sound good on a poor-quality instrument... please remember this while you are shopping for an instrument. Think about how much your child will struggle every day on an instrument with parts that do not work properly or are not made correctly. **I play the violin professionally**, so I know what will make your child succeed efficiently! I am more experienced and knowledgeable than any retail personnel you will speak to, so make sure the instrument follows the standards below, which is the bare minimum for student-level quality. **These may be different from what your elementary Strings teacher accepted.** All instruments from Schmidt's Music and Ye Ol' Fiddle Shoppe already meet or exceed these guidelines.

Quality Instrument Checklist: Check off each item as you inspect the instrument the associate is attempting to sell to you.

- BRING YOUR CHILD WITH YOU** - the student should be part of the instrument selection process.
- Instrument is a wood tone/color (not painted)
- Instrument comes with a *bow* and a *case*
- If getting a used instrument, the bow *stick is straight* after hair is tightened by the end screw. To check follow these steps:
 - Tighten the screw until hair is $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 inch away from the middle of the stick.
 - Set the bow on a flat surface, hair down on top of a table/counter.
 - When you look down the length of the bow, it should not twist or have a bend (warp) to the right or left in the middle of the stick.
 - Loosen the screw until there is no tension on the hair and put it away.
- Comes with a clean, unused cake of *rosin*.
- Case is in working order with *no damage* to zippers, closures, clasps, or handles.
- Pegs** are made of ebony, a black wood. Bases do not have pegs, so skip this step if your child is getting a bass. To check, **have the store associate** loosen and slightly remove the peg from the peg box located at the top of the instrument. At inspection, the wood of the peg should be smooth and not painted with black paint. The associate will put the peg back into the peg box. PLEASE DO NOT MANIPULATE INSTRUMENT PEGS BY YOURSELF. **If you are shopping online**, check the description box. If it doesn't say ebony, it isn't ebony.
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- Fine tuners** (tuning gears for Bass) are in working order. This can be a difficult thing to check for. Your child will know what fine tuners/tuning gears are. There is one for each string. The screws/gears should not be stripped - that will make tuning IMPOSSIBLE. Cellos usually have problems with the A and D string fine tuners. They are often stripped and inoperable. If you are shopping online, call or message an associate about instrument repair and insurance options. **It is not right for you to pay for an instrument that does not work properly.**
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Cello This instrument is available for your child to use while at school. **You must rent/purchase one for home use and transport it to concerts. Consider purchasing a "step-up" instrument if your child is interested.**

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Book: Orchestra Expressions, Cello Book 2 for \$11.00 (red book)

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