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Jurupa Unified School District Elementary Strings Program

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the JUSD Elementary Strings Program. **The strings program is only offered to 4 elementary schools; Ina Arbuckle, Pacific Avenue Academy of Music, Rustic Lane, & West Riverside.** The following information will explain important parts of our program and the necessary materials and supplies needed for each child. I am here to teach and encourage success through music.

Please read over all the following information to gain a better understanding of how the elementary band programs works. If you have any additional questions, please, contact me through your school's office or email me at jana_mclemore@jusd.k12.ca.us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. McLemore



JUSD Elementary Strings Program Overview

Strings Classes are typically held one day each week for 35 – 45 minutes. Strings is a “pull out” program, which means students will leave their normal classrooms to meet with their strings teacher for music instruction. To be successful at their instrument, each and every student is responsible for the following:

- ✓ Attend all strings classes with instrument and music book.
- ✓ Completing all classwork. Homework, and strings class assignments.
- ✓ Log into Canvas for weekly assignments and announcements.
- ✓ Maintain at least a “2” in every class subject.
- ✓ Demonstrate good behavior both inside and outside of strings class.
- ✓ Practice for at least 15 minutes a day.



Failure to meet the requirements above may put your student at risk for being removed from the strings program. Students will receive a strings report card each trimester.



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Instrument & Supplies for First Year Strings Students

There are 3 options to acquire an instrument for the year. The first option is to rent an instrument from a local music shop or shop. The second option is to purchase an instrument. Please make sure to get a **good quality instrument from a local music store**. Instruments with "cool" colors are typically made with low quality materials, are difficult to play and break easily. These instruments are to be avoided. A good quality instrument will help your student succeed. The third option is to borrow from the school district. If you are interested in borrowing a JUSD school district instrument please come talk to Mrs. McLemore through your school's front office & in class.

All students must have an instrument for strings class by the week of September 22nd, 2023



Instrument Options -

- 4th Grade Students will start on the recorder.
(Will be provided.)
- 5th & 6th Grade Students will get the chance to choose from the Violin or the Viola.
(They are the same size instrument. The Viola is just a tad lower in sound then the Violin.)

Supplies for ALL

Stringed Instruments -

- Rosin
- Cleaning Cloth

Strings Book -

- We will be using a book called **The Quarter Note Companion** this year.
 - The book will be supplied through the district at no cost.
 - Each Student will receive ONE copy and will have a digital copy accessible through their Chromebook.





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Sign up!!, please go to tinyurl.com/JUSDmusic
or fill out the form below and return it to your school office.



Please return this and keep the above letter for your reference. (PLEASE PRINT)

Student's Name (First & Last) _____

School: _____ Student ID #: _____

Grade: _____ Room #: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent email _____ New Band student: yes
no

Please select one:

- I will provide my own instrument (Buy/rent/borrow/own)
- Request to borrow JUSD Instrument (subject to availability)

Please select an Instrument:

4th Grade: Recorder

5th and 6th Grade: Violín Viola

Returning students can also choose from Viola





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