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Preview of the 2026-27 Elementary Beginning Instrumental Program

May 2026

Dear Families,

As you look ahead to the 2026-2027 school year, we are excited to share early details regarding our **Elementary Beginning Instrumental Program**. We hope this information helps your family plan for the musical opportunities available to your student next year.

Important Note: There is no action required at this time. Official registration and further instructions will be sent in **September 2026**. This communication is meant to support your family planning for next school year.

Program At-A-Glance:

- **Who:** 3rd Graders (Strings); 4th & 5th Graders (Band or Strings).
 - **When:** In-person sessions before school (starting 7:15 AM / 7:30 AM at Newman) beginning the week of October 5, 2026.
 - See school specific schedules for SY26-27 [HERE](#).
 - **Selection:** Instrument demonstrations and assemblies will take place the week of September 7, 2026.
 - **Commitment:** Students are asked to commit to a minimum of 15 minutes of daily home practice and two annual performances (Winter and Spring).
 - **Instruments:** Rentals are available through our primary provider, French Music Co., or any reputable dealer. Scholarships are available.
 - **More Information:** Visit the [Needham Public Schools Elementary Beginning Instrumental Website](#) which includes materials designed to help guide your child in selecting an instrument.
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Learning an instrument fosters goal-setting, persistence, and self-expression. We look forward to welcoming your child into our musical community!

Sincerely,

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