



FAQ for 4th-6th Grade Music

Who will be teaching my child?

- Highly qualified, credential music teachers who specialize in string, wind and vocal music will provide two, 40 minute lessons each week.

What instrument can my child select?

- Students in 4th grade may select the violin, viola, cello (string music) or voice (vocal music).
- Students in 5th grade may continue in string music, select the flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone (wind music) or voice (vocal music).
- Students in 6th grade may continue in string music, continue in wind music or join vocal music.

Will my child receive a grade for music?

- Yes. An achievement grade and progress toward music standards feedback.

Will my child need to practice?

- Yes. Practice is an important part of your child's success when learning to play an instrument or sing.

Can my child switch classes?

- The class and instrument your child selects will be for the remainder of the school year.

How do I get an instrument for my child?

- Many families choose to rent or buy an instrument from a local organization like the Irvine Public Schools Foundation Instrument Rental Program or other local vendor. Please click [here](#) for a list of local vendors. An instrument and materials can be provided to students. Please contact your child's music teacher prior to acquiring an instrument.

Does it matter what kind of instrument we get?

- Yes. We recommend quality student model instruments. Quality instruments are less likely to require costly repairs and lead to fewer frustrations for beginning

students. Students in string music will need to be sized by their string teacher prior to acquiring an instrument. String students will be sized in class and music teachers will send home information about the specific size instrument your child needs to play successfully. Please click [here](#) for a list of local vendors.

- For string instruments: your child's music teacher will measure your child for the correct size they will need.

How will my child know what class and instrument to select?

- Music teachers will visit your child's classroom to inform them about their options. Students are most successful when they select the instrument that they are excited to play at school and practice at home.

How do I sign up my child for music class?

- After the start of the school year, you will receive a Google Form to select your child's music class and instrument.
- If your child is new to IUSD mid-year, please speak directly with your child's music teacher(s).