

Interested in Joining? Contact Us!

Please fill out an **Orchestra Interest Form** and turn it in at the information booth before you leave. Telling us your instrument preferences will help us determine placements for students who choose orchestra as their elective. We want to help you get your first or second choice!

If you have further questions, please contact the orchestra teacher of the middle school you will attend.

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Join ORCHESTRA!

Orchestra is MUSIC

Orchestra is FUN

Orchestra is MAKING FRIENDS

Orchestra is SELF-DISCIPLINE

Orchestra is PERFORMANCE

Orchestra is TEAMWORK

Orchestra is MAKING MEMORIES

Orchestra is AMAZING



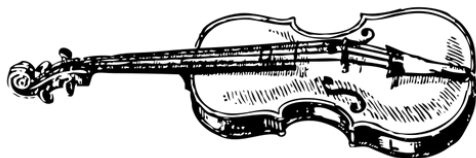
Belton ISD Orchestra



Be amazing!

How Do I Choose An Instrument?

- *Try them out!* See which instrument “speaks” to you - which one has your favorite sound?
- Instruments to choose from: **Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass**
- Tell us the order of your instrument preferences on your **Orchestra Interest Form** - we want to help you get your first or second choice
- The orchestra needs to have balanced sections in order to have a good sound. An example of a balanced orchestra would be 16 violins, 8 violas, 6 cellos, and 3 basses.



Orchestra is for Everyone!

- *Anyone* is welcome to join. You do **not** need to have prior experience!
- If you are considering learning an instrument in middle school, it is **highly recommended** that you sign up in 6th grade.
- **First Year:** Beginning Orchestra
Following Years: Audition into one of the orchestra ensembles (Sinfonia Orchestra, Concert Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra)

How Do I Get an Instrument?

- It is recommended that students first acquire an instrument through renting, not purchasing, as students will grow and their instrument will need to as well
- Students must acquire their instrument from an approved vendor - **NOT** Amazon or eBay!
- We highly recommend renting from Lisle Violin Shop (see brochures)
- It is recommended that cellos and basses are rented for home, and a \$50 annual usage fee is paid to use one of the cellos/basses at school so there is no need to transport it daily
- We have a limited supply of school instruments reserved for students who demonstrate financial need