

Advanced Orchestra at Eastridge

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Spring 2023

Congratulations on completing your first year of playing a string instrument! In 5th grade, you have the option to continue advancing your string skills. One 30-minute music lesson is offered each week during the school day, beginning the 2nd or 3rd week of the 2023 school year. One 45-minute full orchestra rehearsal is also offered each week, held before school. **Please note, if you register to continue to play your string instrument, attendance is mandatory for both the 30-minute lesson and full orchestra rehearsal.** This is a great opportunity to study a string instrument! More benefits include learning self-discipline, responsibility, teamwork, confidence and critical thinking.



For the 2023-2024 school year, 2nd year string players will be expected to:

- ✓ Bring instrument and music folder to and from school on the day of their lesson, once a week
- ✓ **Practice assigned music at home 15 - 30 minutes every day**
- ✓ Perform at the Winter, Spring, and Lefler concerts.
- ✓ Follow teacher's instructions on how to responsibly care for and maintain the instrument
- ✓ Attend full orchestra rehearsals, held once a week before school
- ✓ Participate in the program for the entire school year

If you and your student agree to follow the above expectations, and would like to continue strings next school year, please read all of the information in this packet, complete the registration form, and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Questions? Email me – Ella Ricker, ericker@lps.org or Call the Eastridge Office (402) 436-1135
sites.google.com/class.lps.org/rickerorchestra

WHERE TO GET AN INSTRUMENT

1. **BUY or RENT TO OWN: (ACQUIRE)** If you would prefer to have your own personal instrument, you may buy or rent to own a new instrument that will only belong to you, please contact one of the local music stores in Lincoln (Dietze Music, Palmer's Music, The Violin Shop) about their purchase and rent to own programs.
****NOTE:** Please do not consider an online ordering store for music instruments. You will not be able to get the quality of instrument required for success.

Dietze Music Briarhurst	5555 S 48 th St	402-434-7454
Dietze Music East	6401 Q St.	402-476-6644
Palmer's Music *	3534 S 48 th St #2a	402-423-6702
The Violin Shop *	1641 S. 17 th St	402-474-1640

*String Bases are available at these locations

2. **RENT AN LPS INSTRUMENT: (RENT)** If you would like to rent a specific instrument from LPS, the cost for instrument rental for the school year is \$60.00. We have a limited number of instruments to provide for rental so a rental request is on a first come / first serve basis. Fill out the loan agreement form and return it along when signing up for orchestra. *Do not send money yet*. This does not guarantee you an instrument but expedites the process for next fall.
****rental for one school year does NOT guarantee availability for the following year**
3. **FINANCIAL NEED REQUEST: (RECEIVE)** If your family is in need of financial support in obtaining an instrument, please contact your music teacher. We have a limited number of instruments to provide for families where rental fees may be reduced or waived. Instrument repair and maintenance is the responsibility of the family. The student may not necessarily get their first choice of instrument and access to instruments could be limited based on number of requests. Fill out the loan agreement form and check 'fee waiver' on the form, return the completed form with your sign up information. This does not guarantee you an instrument but expedites the process for next fall.

Can my student play a string AND band instrument?


There are three options:

- Continue your study of a string instrument.
- Begin the study of a band instrument.
- If you want to study BOTH a string instrument and a band instrument, you (not the teacher) must choose which instrument to study at school (pull-out lesson) and which instrument to study with a private teacher (private lesson). **Students studying both instruments are expected to participate in both the before/after school band and orchestra.**


But . . . the final decision is one you and your child need to make together. Some students switch from strings and begin to learn to play a band instrument in the 5th grade while other students choose to continue their study of a string instrument in the 5th grade. Either is a good decision but it is one that needs to be made by you and your child. Unfortunately, due to staffing and scheduling, LPS cannot offer a school pull-out lesson on both a string and band instrument during the school year. Please discuss these options with your child and do what you feel is best.

If you and your student agree to follow the 2023-2024 String Player expectations (from page 1),
Please fill out this entire page and return it to the school office as soon as possible.
Or, fill out a form online using the QR code below.

Registrations are due Friday May 19th, 2023.



String Instrument Registration Card



(2nd Year)

Student ID# _____ Grade (next fall) _____

Student Name _____

Address _____

Zip Code _____ Phone (day) _____

School _____

Instrument _____ Size _____

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Return this card to your school office or instrumental music teacher ASAP!

Please check one of the following options, and return this page to the school office or your child's teacher as soon as possible.

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We plan to rent or purchase an instrument from a local store by August 23, 2023.

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We hope to get an from Lincoln Public Schools, and will fill out the loan agreement form (Note: this does not guarantee you an instrument!)

Sign up using the QR Code -->



