

Orchestra Supply List





*A MUST have For Violins and Violas ONLY – A Shoulder rest!!! I highly recommend a KUN collapsible shoulder rest that
fits ½ to ¾ instruments. The shoulder rest should have the ability to fit a ½ to ¾ size violin o viola (12-14 inches). Having a proper shoulder rest will make your child have a better chance at succeeding at holding their instrument properly. Check your local music store or look online for availability.
A music stand. This is helpful for practice at home – it makes reading music easier.
Lesson book: Essential Elements 2000 book 1
Pencil(s)
Music Folder or ½ inch Binder. Any type of folder for holding paper will be fine.
Rock Stops for cellos and Basses to stop from sliding or damaging the floor.
Rosin (Make sure it is for your appropriate instrument)
A soft cloth to wipe instrument off when done playing.
Instrument polish (optional). PLEASE do not use household polishes which can be harmful to the instrument.
A rubber practice mute (optional) which will allow your child to practice without making a lot of noise
A metronome (optional) is recommended for home practice – it will help keep a steady beat.
Optional as well:
Bow Hold Buddies for Violin/Viola and Cello only. These attachments give you an instant bow hold and are highly effective. They can be purchased from http://www.things4strings.com
Smart music. This computer software program is an online music program that will help your child practice. It has the method book for your child to play along with at the speed you want to play and it will even assess your playing if you have a microphone. Please contact me for more details.
Private Teacher. Having a private teacher will challenge your child to play more advanced music or help if struggling.