



# RUTH HARMAN ACADEMY ORCHESTRA SUPPLY LIST

## Instruments & Method Books

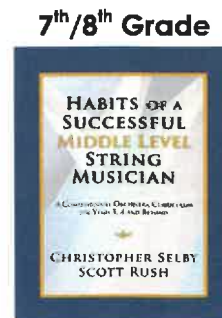
Families should provide their student with a violin, viola, cello, or upright bass, preferably by renting until they are fully grown. Before purchasing, please consult Mrs. Lemons-Hill to ensure the correct size and quality. **In addition to the rental, students will need an instrument-specific method book and a folding stand for class and field trips.** Bass rentals stay home - students will use a RHA bass at school.



Essential Elements for Strings, 1



Essential Elements for Strings, 2



Habits of a Successful Middle Level String Musician

## Accessories

Required accessories include shoulder rests (violin/viola), rock stops (cello/bass), Snark Tuner and rosin. We HIGHLY encourage that students own a music stand (folding is fine!) for at-home practice. A music stand mimics the school setup and allows students to maintain correct posture while playing.

- Shoulder Rest (Violin/Viola) - pouch is helpful
- Endpin Anchors (Cello/Bass)
- Snark Tuner (ALL)
- Rosin (ALL) - Bass rosin is different!
- 1", **white** 3-ringed binder with clear cover
- 3-ringed binder page protectors
- 2-3 sharpened pencils with erasers
- Pink, Green, Yellow & Orange Highlighter



# ORCHESTRA SUPPLIES

## Instruments

Families should provide a violin, viola, cello, or upright bass with corresponding accessories (below). Renting from a reputable music store is a great option for beginners and growing musicians, offering well-maintained instruments and the flexibility to try different options. Renting also allows for easy upgrades as students grow, supporting their musical journey while keeping costs manageable.

**DO NOT PURCHASE musical instruments online (ESPECIALLY AMAZON)!** Instruments sold online often are of poor quality and are more like toys than actual musical tools. They sound bad, don't stay in tune, require expensive fixes due to their cheap construction, and are difficult to play. This can lead to frustration for your student and pose a higher chance they'll give up and quit.

We believe every student should have the chance to join orchestra. Our program offers a "need-based" option for families qualifying for KUSD free/reduced benefits. Materials are on a first come, first serve basis and students are not guaranteed to receive an instrument due to limited availability. To receive a KUSD instrument and accessories, families must contact Mrs. Hill for necessary requirements prior to receiving an instrument. **Families will still be required to purchase additional materials on the next page.**

## Method Books & Accessories

Students will need a grade-specific (and instrument-specific) method book:

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



Essential Elements for Strings, 1

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Essential Elements for Strings, 2

### 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade

No Book Necessary

## REQUIRED ACCESSORIES

- Folding Stand (ALL)
- Everest Shoulder Rest (Violin/Viola)
- Endpin Anchors (Cello/Bass)
- Snark Tuner (ALL)
- Rosin (ALL) - Bass rosin is different!

## HIGHLY SUGGESTED ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPLIES

- Shoulder Rest Pouch (Violin/Viola)
- 1", **white** 3-ringed binder with clear cover
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