



Required Materials for Orchestra

In addition to an instrument your students will need:

- A bow. A rental instrument will already have one. Carbon fiber, cherrywood, brazilwood, and pernambuco are ideal. Bass bows can be “French” or “German.”
- Rosin. Helps the bow grip the string. Cello players will need dark rosin, while violin and viola students need light rosin. Basses have a special kind of rosin “Pop’s Bass Rosin.”
- **Violins and Violas only** A shoulder rest. Everest is the most comfortable and available through Amazon.
- **Basses and Cellos only** A rockstop.
- ***Beginning Orchestra*** Essential Elements Book 1 for strings. Make sure it is for YOUR instrument.
- ***Symphonic Orchestra*** Essential Elements Book 2.



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Instrument Rental/Purchase

Beginning students are **strongly** encouraged to rent an instrument from a luthier (a maker of stringed instruments). Many places offer incentives including applying rentals fees as credit towards a brand new, better quality instrument. Many stores also offer different insurance policies for any damages to the rental instrument dependent on reason and severity of the damage.

Online purchase of instruments is very tricky as some instruments sold online are misleading regarding the quality and price of an instrument. As a result, students may end up with an instrument that makes it harder to play and tune. Parents planning to purchase an instrument online, should purchase through a vendor that allows for the return and full refund of an instrument and the freedom to try the instrument out

before purchase. I am happy to hear this instrument before you buy and encourage you to contact me so I can evaluate its quality.

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