



PLMS 6th Grade Beginning Orchestra!

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Welcome to 6th Grade Orchestra!

What do you need to get started in Orchestra?

- You will need to **rent** an instrument. **NOTE: Instruments come in different sizes; be sure to go with your parent or guardian to the music store when you rent your instrument. It is important to get the right fit!**
- **Rosin** for your bow
- **Essential Elements Book 1 with EEi** for your chosen instrument.
- A 1” **hardcover black binder and a pencil**
- **Cello and Bass** players will need an “**end pin**” holder.
- **Violin and Viola** players will need a “**shoulder rest**”

I highly recommend a Kun or Everest shoulder rest as these shoulder rests have the fewest problems for students.

- A **music stand** (purchase at local music store or on Amazon)
- *Optional: A chromatic tuner such as Korg or Snark, OR if you have a smart phone, you can get a FREE tuning app on your phone!*

Where do I rent an Instrument?

It is a very good idea to **rent** an instrument before purchasing! Instruments come in different sizes and you are not done growing! Also, there is a huge variety in the quality of string instruments. Inexpensive instruments often create frustration for the student and additional expense in repairs.

Instruments may be rented from a number of local music stores:

String specialists- Highly recommended

- **Hammond Ashley:** Issaquah (425) 392-3963
- **Henry Bischofberger:** Kirkland (425) 822-0717
- **Bischofberger Violins:** Seattle (206) 324-3119

Local music stores that rent string instruments-

- **Moore Brothers Music:** Sammamish Plateau (425) 836-2263
- **Music and Arts:** Issaquah (425) 392-1000

