



Orchestra

at Aprende Middle School



- Orchestra is a year-long music elective class.
(you can take 2 electives classes at a time)
- 6th graders that join orchestra do not need any prior musical training,
so 6th grade is the best time to join Orchestra!
- Aprende owns violas, cellos, and basses for students to check out from the
school, but **it's best to rent an instrument if you can.**
- The Orchestra plays a wide variety of music including classical, jazz, rock,
fiddle, pop, and much more!
- Learning to play an instrument improves social and cognitive skills!
<http://www.childrensmusicworkshop.com/benefitsofmusicinourschools/>
<https://www.bepartofthemusic.org/bpoto/index.html>

The Instruments

Violin: The violin is the smallest and highest sounding instrument of the orchestra and is held on the shoulder.

Viola: The viola is held on the shoulder like the violin, but it is a little larger. Viola makes a lower sound than the violin but higher than cello and bass.

Cello: The cello is much larger than the violin and viola and makes a much lower sound. It is played sitting down with the instrument between your knees.

Bass: The bass is the largest and lowest sounding instrument of the orchestra. Usually people either stand up to play the bass or sit on a tall stool.

Expectations

Orchestra students are expected to play music in every class and practice at home in between classes. Students also perform in front of an audience at least twice a year.

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