



Trinity Lutheran Instrumental Program Orchestral Instrument Supply List



Congratulations on joining the Orchestral Program at Trinity. Below you will find the supplies needed for your success in the program. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

When selecting a string instrument for you child it is important to bring them with you to the music store as these instruments come in various sizes. The music store personnel should be able to assist you in selecting an instrument that will best fit your child. I recommend renting for the first few years as they will likely outgrow their smaller instruments over time. However, some stores have great deals when purchasing too. Please refrain from buying instruments found at Target, Walmart, Toys R Us, or online. Many times these instruments are of a poor quality and only lead to frustration on the student's part.

Required Instrument Supplies

Violin: Violin Essential Elements Book 1	Bow Rosin	Shoulder Rest
Viola: Viola Essential Elements Book 1	Bow Rosin	Shoulder Rest
Cello: Cello Essential Elements Book 1	Bow Rosin	End Pin Stop

All students also need a half inch binder or folder to put practice papers in.

A music stand and tuner are also recommended for home practice. These can be found online often cheaper than in stores or a tuner app can be downloaded onto a "smart" device.

For Violin and Viola students I recommend a sponge style shoulder rest until they reach middle school. These shoulder rests are more comfortable for growing students and stay in place easier. Cello students need an end pin "slip stop" or "rock stop" these help hold the cello in place when practicing and prevent damage to floors.

Please make sure to clearly label cases and materials. All cases should be labeled both inside and out. At the end of this packet is a list of local music vendors who will be able to outfit you with the needed supplies.

All students will be given a 40 minute small group lesson once per week. Lessons will rotate so they the same subjects will not be missed. Schedules will be given out on Friday and can also be found online on the school website. Students will be invited to ensemble rehearsals when they have progressed to show a certain level of proficiency on their instrument. It is very important that students bring their own instruments to school for lessons and rehearsals. Equally important to a developing musician is continued effort and practice outside of school, as well as reinforcement at home.