



Snellville Middle School

Orchestra Checklist

What you will need for Orchestra Class

Take this with you to the music store.

1. **Instrument** (Sizes-Violin 1/2-3/4-4/4, Viola 13" - 14" - 15"-15 and ½- 16", Cello ½-3/4-4/4, Double Bass ¼,1/2,3/4) Make sure you get the correct size for your child. The music stores can measure your child for the correct size.
2. **Book- Essential Elements for Strings**-Make sure you get the book that matches what your child is playing.
3. **Shoulder Rest- For Violins and Violas only!!** ("Everest" makes my favorite shoulder rest.)
4. **Rock Stop-For cellos and basses only!** (These come in all kinds of fun colors!)
5. **Rosin**
6. **A music stand**
7. **A soft cloth**-for wiping rosin off your instrument.

Helpful tips!

Some music stores will have a starter kit that comes with –a music stand, polish, rosin, and a soft cloth. Ask about this!

Plan your visit to the music store. Call ahead and make sure they have what you need and can prepare some of you items before you get there.

Make the visit a special event! Don't forget to take your child with you so they can measure them for the perfect fit!

Not sure which music store to go to? Google is a great resource. Google it. I also have provided a list of place on the Orchestra Website. This is found on the SMS Home page under Join Band and Orchestra.

Rent to own is always a great way to go! Many places have good deals that make it very affordable. Call ahead and ask what they are.

Need more help? Contact me at Rebecca.donnaud@gcpsk12.org I am here to help!