STRINGS STUDENTS

START-UP:

Families will be notified by instructors no later than Wednesday, September 29, 2021, of student’s class placement.

Class schedules are posted on the Elementary Instrumental Music Program page of the District website.

All classes will begin the week of October 4-8, 2021.

After you have registered your student and prior to the start of class, you will receive an email from the instructor with additional information about the first class session.

If you have requested a District instrument, you will receive notification via email by September 17, regarding the status of your request. We will use the email address that is currently on file in the district database. If this is not your current email, it is imperative that you update it immediately. It is your responsibility to be sure that this information is current. If you do not show up at the date for the instrument distribution (provided in the email) you will need to make arrangements to pick up the instrument with Donna Jackson at the District Office. This will delay your student having their instrument by a couple of weeks. Please try to make arrangements for someone to be at the set distribution day and time.

If you plan to purchase an instrument, be careful with bargains and “too good to be true” prices. Cheaply made instruments may break down quickly and many repair shops will not work on them. There are many good used instruments, and if you research the brand/model and are able to determine the condition, you may find a great deal.

The Elementary Instrumental Music Program (EIMP) maintains an up-to-date page on the CUSD website. It contains nearly all information that you might need, including forms, class schedules, FAQ’s, and more. Go to www.cusd.claremont.edu and click onto PARENT tab (Parent Resources and Links) on the left-hand side, you will see Elementary Music.

E-mail is the most efficient way to contact us: elementarymusic@cusd.claremont.edu

Voice mail is also available: 909-398-0609, ext. 70272

ON-GOING:

Students should spend at least 15- 20 minutes a day, 5 days a week, in careful practice on their instrument.

Parental encouragement, guidance, and monitoring are necessary for students to maintain their practice and homework consistency.
Students who regularly participate in class, practice, nearly always do well, and have a positive experience. Students with poor attendance, or who do little outside class, may become frustrated and unhappy, or “bored.”

**HOW TO SIZE YOUR STUDENT FOR THEIR INSTRUMENT:**

If you are not sure how to size your student for their instrument, please click on the link below for sizing help.

The information size list web
[https://www.sharmusic.com/Pages/How-To/Measure-Your-Child/](https://www.sharmusic.com/Pages/How-To/Measure-Your-Child/)

The sizing video (Violin) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVzRw585fPc&t=27s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVzRw585fPc&t=27s)
The sizing video (Viola) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rWihKAolls&t=8s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8rWihKAolls&t=8s)
The sizing video (Cello) [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VV0ve0QHFw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6VV0ve0QHFw)

**WHERE TO RENT INSTRUMENTS & BUY SUPPLIES:**

- J. Brown 232 1/2 Indian Hill Blvd., Claremont. 909-624-0849 (Tues.-Sat. 10am-5pm)
  - [JBrown Violin Maker in Claremont](https://www.sharmusic.com/Pages/How-To/Measure-Your-Child/)

**SUPPLIES REQUIRED FOR EACH STUDENT:**

**ALL string students:**

- ✓ *Essential Elements*, Book 1, for your instrument.
- ✓ Orchestra students (Intermediate & Advanced) will also need *Strings Basic Book 2*.
- ✓ rosin
- ✓ soft rag for cleaning
- ✓ pencil
- ✓ pocket folder for book & other music sheets
- ✓ music stand, for home practice

  **Plus**

**Violin & Viola:**

- ✓ Shoulder rest. Beginners suggested using sponge type. Orchestra students may choose to use hard shoulder rests.

**Cello & Bass:**

- ✓ end-pin stop