



BEGINNING (1st Year) STRINGS 2026-27

The Arrowhead Arts Association is proud to offer the **Elementary (1st year) Strings Program** to students in Grades 3, 4, & 5 in the 2026-27 school year. Instruction on Violin, Viola & Cello is provided AFTER school hours! This program is open to non-public school students as well as RIM district students.

What does Elementary Strings Offer?

- ~Weekly sessions immediately after school taught by a Strings' Specialist
- ~Music reading taught from the start...students learn Fiddle, Rock, Celtic, Classical and more!
- ~Unique Performance opportunities with optional travel if students continue in middle/high school
- ~Learning an instrument enriches quality of life and can improve academic performance!

Does this program cost anything? There is no tuition for Elementary Strings, only a one-time \$25 Materials Fee.

You will need to rent your instrument, See next page for info.

How do I sign up? Cut off the registration form on the bottom of this page and return to School Office where you will take strings classes by September 14th. First Meeting will be the week of September 28th.

Questions? Feel free to contact the Arrowhead Arts Strings Facilitator: Mrs. Wilson, (951) 533-3444 or fiddlingrammy@earthlink.net

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Strings Registration: RETURN TO YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY, September 14th, 2026 with \$25 Fee attached, (EXACT CHANGE ONLY!) cash or check made payable to "Arrowhead Arts" PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY!

Student's Name _____ School _____ Classroom Teacher _____

Please circle the school where the student will take strings classes: LAE - Mondays 1:25-2:25, CHE - Tuesdays - 2:45-3:45, VOE - Wednesdays - 2:45-3:45

Grade _____ Instrument Choice- Check one: Violin Viola Cello

Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Cell Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Email Address _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Emergency Contact other than the above _____ Phone #1 _____

Phone # 2 _____

Check Here if you DO NOT want your child's photo used in AAA materials _____

INSTRUMENT RENTAL INFORMATION

Our Strings Program is a high quality program and your child will need a REAL Instrument from a REAL Violin (Viola, Cello) Shop! For your child to have success, **it is important** that you follow instructions and use one of the sources below to rent your instrument. Do not purchase an instrument for a beginner! Inferior instruments will not be approved in the program. For **Violins, Violas & Cellos**, please use:

1. **Robertson's & Sons Violin Shop (mail order)** 1800-AVIOLIN www.robertsonviolins.com. Mrs. Wilson's #1 choice!! They have the best rental instruments IN THE COUNTRY, at the lowest prices. Allow at least 2 weeks for delivery, and order early, they get very busy at the beginning of the school year.
2. **J. Brown Violin Maker (Claremont):** Drive your child to visit a REAL Violin Shop, it's worth the drive. "Rent to Own" Program. 232 N. Indian Hill Blvd, Claremont 91711. Call for hours: 909-624-0849. Tell them you are from the ROTW (Lake Arrowhead) district and a student of Linda Wilson.
3. **Financial Aid:**
Contact Instrument Scholarship Coordinator Kana Sasaki at 626-802-0505 or 626-807-4029. You will also need a scholarship form which is available in your elementary school office.

*******IMPORTANT*******

- Do not go to a "Music Store" to rent. Only go to a source called a "Violin Shop". All Violin Shops have Violas and Cellos too.
- Do not go to a random internet source to rent or purchase.
- Do not get a "colored" instrument from ANY source. **Only natural wood-colored instruments are allowed in the program.**

CHOOSING YOUR INSTRUMENT

The instrument should be the child's choice! All are equal in difficulty and all are needed in the orchestra.

VIOLIN: The smallest of the string instrument family and makes the highest sound. This is the instrument Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Barry play professionally.

VIOLA: A unique instrument held like a violin but has a deeper, richer sound than the violin.

CELLO: Largest & lowest of the 3 instruments. Low mellow sounds and cool bass lines. The advanced strings program teacher, Mrs. Rizzo, plays the cello professionally.

INSTRUMENT SIZING GUIDE – IMPORTANT!!

Violins & Violas

Violins come in $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and $\frac{4}{4}$, but VIOLAS come in INCHES. Measure arm from the middle of the left palm to the neck, with left arm and hand fully extended out perpendicular to body as if holding a violin.

Arm Length	Approx. Age	Violin Size	Viola Size
17.6" to 20"	4-7 years	$\frac{1}{4}$ quarter size	12 inch
20" to 22"	6-10 years	$\frac{1}{2}$ half size	13 inch
22" to 23.5"	9-11 years	$\frac{3}{4}$ three quarter size	14 inch
23.5" and up	9 years -Adult	$\frac{4}{4}$ Full Size	15 inch

Cellos: For Cellos, we highly suggest Robertson's Mail Order, their prices are lower.

CHILD'S HEIGHT	CELLO SIZE
Under 4 feet	$\frac{1}{4}$ Quarter Size
4 Feet to 4 Feet, 9 inches	$\frac{1}{2}$ Half Size
4 Feet, 9 inches to 5 feet, 1 inch	$\frac{3}{4}$ Three Quarter Size
Above 5 feet, 1 inch	$\frac{4}{4}$ Full Size