



Dear Parents,

The Richmond County School System is pleased to offer String Orchestra class instruction to students entering the 4th and 5th grades. String class meets twice a week during the school day at your child's school. The lessons are FREE. However, in order to participate, you will need to provide an instrument (violin, viola, or cello) and Essential Elements for Strings book 1 .

Instrument Rental:

There are a lot of fake instruments out there. Please do not buy an instrument under \$100 from pawn shops, flea markets, or the online marketplace because these instruments do not meet the quality standard requirement for your child to be successful in orchestra class. **The stores listed below have agreed to stock quality instruments for you to rent.** The instruments are approved by the State of Georgia as appropriate for the educational settings.

STORE	ADDRESS	PHONE
Atlanta Strings	229 West Pike St. Lawrenceville, GA 30046	(770) 338-5446
Antique Violins of Augusta	222 2 nd St. Augusta, GA 30901	(706) 814-3840
Jay's Music Center	3110 Washington Rd. Augusta, GA 30907	(706) 863-9575
Kirkwood's Music & Repair	206 S Belair Rd. Martinez, GA 30907	(706) 863-1542
Music and Arts	3380 Washington Rd. Augusta, GA 30907	(706) 860-8600
Portman's Music Superstore	3946 Washington Rd. Augusta, GA 30907	(706) 738-1651

Rental prices for new and used instruments vary by store, so contacting each one will help you to determine a store that best suits your needs. Orchestra teachers do not know the pricing or availability of instruments for each store. Please contact the store for the most up-to-date information.

Optional Beginner Parent Orientation Meeting

Thursday, August 25, 2022 at 6:00pm, located at Tubman Education Center, 1740 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904. The meeting will be in the auditorium. Please park on the right side of the building (enter next to KFC and go toward the back of the building).

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Student's Name _____

School _____ Homeroom _____ Grade _____

Guardian #1 _____ Phone # _____

Guardian #2 _____ Phone # _____

Email #1 _____ Email #2 _____

Preferred: ____ call ____ text ____ email ____ any My child participated last year: ____ yes ____ no

Instrument choice: ____ Violin ____ Viola ____ Cello

Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____