



# INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FARRAGUT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## ORCHESTRA INFO

### **IS ORCHESTRA THE SAME CLASS AS BAND?**

No, orchestra is a separate class from band taught only by Ms. Murphy. Band is woodwind, brass, and percussion, while orchestra class is only string instruments.

### **IS ORCHESTRA PLAYING INSTRUMENTS IN THE FALL?**

Yes, orchestra students will be able to start playing their instruments in the first three weeks.

### **WHO CAN JOIN THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM?**

Any enthusiastic student who wants to learn more about performing music on an instrument can join the instrumental music program at Farragut Middle School.

### **WHAT INSTRUMENTS ARE IN ORCHESTRA?**

We offer beginning instruction Double Bass, Cello, Viola, and Violin.

### **WHAT INSTRUMENT CAN I PLAY?**

Students in orchestra normally get their first instrument choice so whatever you would like!

### **DOES MY CHILD NEED TO KNOW HOW TO READ MUSIC OR HAVE PRIOR TRAINING?**

No! Everything your child needs to know will be taught in orchestra class.

### **CAN ORCHESTRA STUDENTS BE IN SPORTS AND/OR OTHER ACTIVITIES?**

Yes! Most of our orchestra students are involved in a variety of other activities. In fact, we encourage you to have your child take part in as many activities as possible. Band and orchestra does not interfere with any school sports.

### **HOW OFTEN DO WE PRACTICE TOGETHER?**

Orchestra is a class that takes place during the school day. The only functions we have after school hours are the concerts (usually three or four per year).

### **HOW MUCH DOES AN ORCHESTRA INSTRUMENT COST?**

Orchestra students are encouraged to rent instruments from string shops in Knoxville due to the very limited supply of string instruments at FMS. Parents and students can do rentals monthly, two months at a time, six months at a time, or for a whole year. Two month rental payments for string instruments range from \$60 to \$120 depending on the instrument.

**Please do not obtain an instrument** before talking to the teacher about your options first.

For any questions about orchestra, please email Ms. Erin Murphy at [erin.murphy@knoxschools.org](mailto:erin.murphy@knoxschools.org)