



## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Supply List

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### **Buying an Instrument**

In my opinion, the best places to purchase an instrument are listed below. I prefer these establishments because they offer good quality instruments at affordable prices. They have both purchase and rental plans, and will ensure that your child is equipped with the proper sized instrument of high quality.

#### **Moore Music Company**

615 West Market Street  
Greensboro, NC 27401  
(336) 274-4636

#### **Artley Violins**

213 Burlington Street  
Gibsonville, NC 27249  
(336) 449-7257

#### **Music & Arts**

2609 Lawndale Drive;  
Greensboro, NC 27408  
(336) 282-1256

#### **Bass Violin Shop**

(basses only)  
517 Prescott Street  
Greensboro, NC 27401  
(336) 272-2877

### **Other Reputable Websites**

If you would rather purchase your instrument and supplies online, I recommend using the following websites.

Shar Music- [www.sharmusic.com](http://www.sharmusic.com)

Big Note Music- [www.bignotemusic.com](http://www.bignotemusic.com)

Southwest Strings- [www.swstrings.com](http://www.swstrings.com)

### **Other Required Materials**

In addition to an instrument, your child will require the following items for my class:

- **Rosin**- this is a sticky substance that we rub on the hair of the bow to help produce sound.
- **A Soft Cloth**- this will be used to wipe down instruments after each class/practice session. A laundered cotton wash cloth will work fine.
- **A Method Book**- *Essential Elements for Strings- Book 1 (with EEI)* we will use this in class, and students should practice from this book at home. You will need the book that is specifically for your instrument.
- **An Extra Full Set of Strings**: (The brand should be **D'addario** or a brand of comparable quality) – Strings should last for a good amount of time, but as we all know, accidents happen. I am happy to put the strings on your child's instrument if one becomes damaged or broken.
- **A Rock Stop (Cello/Bass only)** – this is placed on the floor and is used to hold the instrument in place as your child plays.
- **Shoulder Rest (Violin/Viola only) (Kun, Everest- or other similar style)** – this is used to make playing violin/viola more comfortable and ensures the proper position of the instrument as your child learns to play.
- **Metronome**- This is a small electronic device that plays pitches for tuning and keeps a steady beat. If your child has a smartphone, there are a number of free apps available.
- **Tuner**- I **HIGHLY** recommend buying the Snark Super Tight ST-2 tuner. They usually run about 15 dollars.
- **A 1 inch, three-ring binder** and a **pencil** for music and note taking.

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