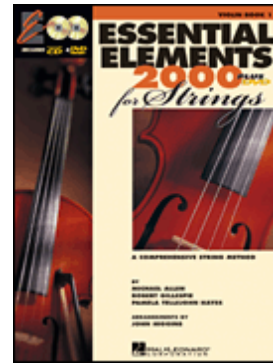




Welcome  
to the  
Northwestern Orchestra!

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra  
Supply List 2017-2018



- Proper sized instrument and bow in good, playable condition (see reminders below)
- Essential Elements for Strings- Book One (Get the correct book for your instrument!)
- Rosin- normally included with instrument rental
- Cleaning cloth---you should wipe off your instrument every time you finish playing
- Two Pencils: needed every day!
- Orchestra Folder-paper folder is provided, OR if you prefer, a binder with sheet protectors
- Violin & viola only:** Shoulder rest with your name on it. Comfortable shoulder rests with adjustable feet are greatly preferred. Make sure it either fits in the case or you have a draw string bag for hanging on the case handle.
- Cello & bass only:** rock stop (keep at home)
- Bass only:** stool for sitting while playing (keep at home)- any low bar stool will do
- Collapsible wire music stand for home practice (keep at home)
- Optional - small electronic tuner (Korg or similar, small battery operated) (keep at home)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ My Instrument & Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Some reminders about instruments:

- Students with a good quality instrument will have the most success. Poor quality instruments cannot be tuned, have poor tone, and will be difficult to play.
- It is strongly recommended that you rent or purchase instruments from stores that specialize in stringed instruments and offer repair. It is worth a little extra money for a dependable instrument. Most rental programs allow you to use your rental equity to the purchase of an instrument later.
- It is a good idea to wait to purchase your child's instrument only when they reach a full-size instrument. It is difficult to recoup your investment in smaller-sized instruments and middle school kids grow quickly!
- Please make sure that the bow has real horse hair, not synthetic or plastic "hair".
- Instruments purchased through online retailers and warehouse-type stores often require extensive repair and adjustment. Most local music stores will not work on this type of instrument or guarantee repairs because the repairs often amount to more than the instrument is worth.
- Please make sure that violins/violas/cellos have four fine tuners!
- If you have financial need, there are a few school owned instruments available for rental.

Please visit the Orchestra website: [NMSperforms.org/Orchestra](http://NMSperforms.org/Orchestra)  
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