

GBW STRINGS SIGN-UP 2022-23

Dear rising 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Students and Parents,

All interested students in the 4th, 5th and 6th grade have the opportunity to learn an instrument as part of the strings program. Students that choose to join strings will participate in a one-hour lesson once a week during our specials block.

CHOOSING AN INSTRUMENT

There is a good chance your student already has a strong idea of what instrument they want to play in strings this coming year. If your student is confident in their selection you may go ahead and allow them to sign up for that instrument. Students will have the opportunity to test out a couple different instruments before choosing which one is the best fit for them if they are unsure or change their mind during the summer. Please let me know if you'd like me to help select an instrument for your child.

RENTING AN INSTRUMENT

Most music stores in the area provide an instrument rental/purchase plan. Fees paid during the rental period can be credited toward the purchase of the instrument at a later time.

FCPS offers a rental program to students who have applied for or receive free or reduced lunch, there is a \$20 rental fee for the entire year and you will be provided an instrument through the county. Please let us know if you would like to apply for this program.

FAQs

How much time outside of school will this take up?

All of our strings classes happen during the school day and there will be at least one evening concert which all students perform at. Beyond that, strings students are expected to practice regularly at home (10-15 minutes per day) but that is done individually so your student is free to work it into their schedule however it best suits your family.

How do I sign-up?

Please scan the QR code and fill out the form it brings you to. If you're unable to register online there will be paper sign up forms available; Mrs Hentz and Mrs Giglio will have them in their classrooms. If you have any questions please email me at jrbockstege@fcps.edu. I look forward to working with your students next year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Bockstege-Stokes
GBW Orchestra Director

