

Frequently Asked Questions...

How will Orchestra help me in middle school?

- Self-confidence
- Self-motivation
- Self-discipline
- Goal-setting
- Cooperation
- Teamwork

Top Reasons to join Orchestra

1. Learn to play all kinds of music.
2. Expand your mind.
3. Music students tend to have higher grade point averages than non-music students. In fact, studies show that Orchestra students score exceptionally higher than the average student on the SAT.
4. All of our Orchestras participate in educational, musical, and fun field trips throughout the year.
5. Most importantly, the ACMS Orchestra is friends making music together!



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Instruments

In Orchestra, we offer the following instruments:



Violin

The violin is the smallest and highest pitched instrument. It is most likely to play the melody in orchestra music.



Viola

The viola is slightly larger and lower in pitch than the violin but is played in a similar fashion. The viola plays mostly harmony with an occasional melody.



Cello

The cello is second largest instrument in the orchestra and is played in a seated position. As one of the foundation instruments of the orchestra, the cello generally plays the lower notes.



Bass

The bass is the largest and lowest pitched instrument and is always played in a standing position. The bass is the foundation and the most important instrument of the orchestra.

Who can join the Arbor Creek Orchestra?

**Any Incoming 6th Grader
No Experience is Necessary!**

We are very proud of the wonderful award winning Orchestra program at Arbor Creek Middle School. Arbor Creek's Orchestra consistently receives Sweepstakes trophies at UIL contests and Best in Class at Sandy Lake contests.

As a 6th grader, your child can take Orchestra as one of his/her fun and exciting electives.



Can I do other activities too?

Yes! Our orchestra students are also involved in Cheerleading, Athletics, Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Band, Choir, Theatre Art, Spelling Bee, and much more!

How do I sign up for Orchestra?

It's **EASY!**

1. Just check **ORCHESTRA** on your 6th grade course selection sheet and you'll be automatically enrolled. You can be in Orchestra and still be in any other elective.
2. You and your child attend the **"Try the Instruments Night" on February 2 & 5 (5:30-7:30 pm) in the Arbor Creek Middle School Orchestra room (appointments required)**. We will help you decide which instrument would be the best fit for your child to play in orchestra. They will be sized at that time and rental agreements will be available from string instrument dealers Brook Mays, Dallas Strings and Music and Arts if you wish to reserve your instrument that night for next year.

**Appointments can be made during
Parent Night on January 31st or by
<https://tinyurl.com/ycfxb6z9>**

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