

# DODGEN MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

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## CELLO OR BASS

Welcome to the sixth grade Orchestra! We are so excited to teach you how to play a stringed instrument. This page should answer your questions about your chosen instrument. If you have any questions, please contact a director.

**Cello and bass** are the larger stringed instruments. Students who choose cello or bass will be assigned a school owned instrument to use in class each day but will likely want to practice outside of class and will need an instrument at home. You may rent your instrument from the stringed instrument shop of your choice. We do not recommend purchasing an instrument outright as your child will change sizes as they grow. Also, please do not order an instrument online, as they come disassembled and need to be set up by a professional luthier before use, potentially costing hundreds of dollars. The best quality instrument will set your child up for success!

Your rented personal cello or bass will stay at home until we have concert performances. You can bring the instrument by your music store or the school to have it tuned at any time (please call ahead to the store or contact the teachers for an appointment). Cellos and basses cannot be transported on the school buses. Students



**CELLO:** Cellists with a home cello need a rock stop (prevents the instrument from slipping on tile floors like the stage), rosin, the Essential Elements method book I, and a music stand.

**BASS:** Bassists with a home bass need a rock stop (prevents the instrument from slipping on tile floors like the stage), rosin, the Essential Elements method book I, and a stool to sit upon- we recommend a wooden barstool in the correct height for your child.



**Rock stop:**

