

Suzuki Strings Program FAQ

What is the Suzuki Strings program at Rockbridge Academy?

Suzuki Strings is a two-year program for beginning strings students at Rockbridge. No previous experience is necessary. In small classes, young students develop the foundational skills for playing the violin, viola, or cello. Students learn posture and basic technique, as well as note reading and group playing skills, in preparation for joining the orchestras later on.

When do Suzuki Strings classes take place?

Suzuki Strings classes meet for thirty minutes twice a week after school. The classes may meet between 2:45 and 5:15 Monday through Friday, but most classes will be concentrated between 2:45 and 4:15, Monday through Thursday.

Where do I get an instrument for my child?

There are many local companies that rent instruments in the appropriate size. A detailed list of shops will be handed out at the Suzuki Strings parent meeting in September.

How involved must I be as a parent with a child in Suzuki Strings?

Parental involvement in the Suzuki method is essential, especially in the beginning stages. The more often you are able to attend the classes and help with practice at home, the more your child will benefit.

How many students are in each Suzuki Strings class?

We cap each group at five students or less, in order to allow the teacher to work more closely with individual students.

Can the parent have other young siblings in the room during Suzuki Strings class?

Younger siblings who are able to sit quietly are welcome in the classroom.