

Suzuki Strings Program FAQ

What is the Suzuki Strings program at Rockbridge Academy?

Suzuki Strings is a two-year program for beginning strings students. 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 school orchestras later on.

When do Suzuki Strings classes take place?

Suzuki Strings classes meet for thirty minutes twice a week before school. The classes meet between 7:15 am and 8:15 am Monday through Friday. Specific times and dates are determined for each group of students after registration is completed.

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 regularly you are able to attend the classes and help with practice at home, the more your child will benefit and demonstrate progress.

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.

We encourage prospective new parents as well as returning parents to attend the **Suzuki informational meeting in September.**

These and many other important questions will be answered.