

## THE BENEFITS OF ORCHESTRA

- **COMMUNITY**

The orchestra coordinates individual abilities into one central effort. It teaches loyalty to the group and provides a place where children feel they belong and are valued. It encourages a sense of belonging throughout students' time in orchestra.

- **DISCIPLINE**

The orchestra promotes responsibility. Students learn problem solving techniques and the importance of following instructions exactly. Respect for people and property is stressed.

- **CONCENTRATION**

Playing a stringed instrument develops fine motor skills. Coordinating the left and right hands, reading music, following the conductor, and listening to others requires a dedication to focus on things individually and in a variety of combinations.

- **PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT**

Orchestra students learn that they can accomplish and achieve whatever they set their minds to. They tackle new challenges with enthusiasm and determination and take this attitude and confidence with them to other aspects of life.

- **ENJOYMENT**

Playing a string instrument provides enjoyment to your child both now and in the future. Whether in formal settings or just for fun, playing music alone or in a group is a healthy way to express emotions and develop positive self-esteem.

- **OPPORTUNITY**

Though few choose to pursue careers in music, opportunities exist for students to earn college scholarships by being a part of the college orchestra. In addition, string players are able to perform for a variety of events to earn extra income. There are also opportunities to participate in church and community orchestras later in life.

## QUESTIONS

We would love to answer any questions or concerns you may have about our program.

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TULSA AREA HOMESCHOOL ORCHESTRA



Oklahoma  
Home School Bands  
& Strings



A Division of Oklahoma Homeschool Bands & Strings

## WHO SHOULD JOIN THE ORCHESTRA?

Orchestra is for students who have a serious interest in music, who are willing to work in class and practice at home, and who have a desire to be a part of an excellent and accomplished group.

## WHAT MUSICAL TRAINING IS REQUIRED?

Beginning orchestra is for just that - beginners.

No previous instrumental music experience is expected or required.

If you have played a string instrument before, the director will help you decide which level orchestra is best for you.

## HOW ARE INSTRUMENTS CHOSEN?

You can attend one of our test drives in the Summer/early Fall where we demonstrate each instrument and help you decide which you are best suited for depending upon your personal preference. We can then help you find the right size and quality instrument to rent or purchase.

## HOW MUCH DOES ORCHESTRA COST?

The semester tuition rate can be found at [okhomeschoolbands.com](http://okhomeschoolbands.com). A \$25 registration fee for Oklahoma Homeschool Bands & Strings will be due at the time of enrollment.

Other fees/costs:

\$25 administration fee (OHBS)  
Instrument rental or purchase  
Music Stand  
Music Books



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IT IS FOR EVERYONE!

You will learn the basic fundamentals of playing your instrument from the very beginning.

Most importantly, you will have fun doing it!

**THE VIOLIN** is the most widely recognized string instrument. Whether it is called a violin or a fiddle, it is the soprano voice of the string family. High pitched with a beautiful tone, the violin is often the lead or solo instrument, particularly in music demanding fast passage work.

**THE VIOLA** is played under the chin just like the violin but is slightly larger and has a lower sound. This produces a more mellow sound and provides the orchestra with an alto voice – adding depth to the ensemble.

**THE CELLO** represents the tenor voice of the string section and produces both subdued higher tones and mellow low sounds. It plays both melody and accompaniment parts. Unlike the violin and viola, the cello is held between the knees and played while sitting.

**THE BASS** is the largest of the string instruments and may be played while standing or seated on a stool. As the deepest voice of the string section, it often functions as the rhythmic and foundation of the orchestra.

## HOW DO I ENROLL?

You can enroll online at [okhomeschoolbands.com/locations-schedules/](http://okhomeschoolbands.com/locations-schedules/)

We are an approved EPIC vendor.

## WHAT ELSE?

Be prepared to have fun and be a part of a culture of excellence. Our homeschool orchestra offers the opportunity to learn to play an instrument and make music and is also a great place to make new friends and become part of a group that performs locally and throughout Oklahoma. Joining the orchestra can offer you experiences that will last a lifetime!

## TULSA AREA HOMESCHOOL ORCHESTRA OFFERS

### • INSTRUCTION

No prior music knowledge is required. Those with previous string background are encouraged to perfect their skills and act as mentors.

### • PERFORMANCE

Performance begins with a formal orchestra concert at the end of the second semester of study. Less formal performances are added gradually to the curriculum in addition to at least one formal concert each semester.

### • COMMITMENT

Tulsa Area Homeschool Orchestra is dedicated to the performance of both string and full orchestra literature along with the development of leaders of the future.