

**Advanced Strings**  
**Tulsa Area Homeschool Orchestra**  
**Fall 2025-Spring 2026**  
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**Course Description:**

Advanced Strings is an advanced performing instrumental strings ensemble. Instruction concentrates on advanced technical and expressive skills in an ensemble-focused setting. Musicianship, reading, and student responsibility are expected. This group will perform in the Christmas Concert and Spring Concert.

**Course Objectives:**

1. The student will further develop an understanding of their role as a member of a performance ensemble.
2. The student will further develop an understanding of their role in support of community and church functions.
3. The student will further develop and continue to articulate their musical ability through the use of small ensembles and cooperative learning groups.
4. The student will work towards continued learning and mastery of advanced music skills.

**Participation:**

- Students must have all equipment for class.
- Students must take an active role in classroom procedures and feedback of information.
- Students must be prepared for assigned work (practice assigned music at home and come to class with music prepared).
- Students must attend all rehearsals and concerts.

## Required Supplies for Advanced Strings

**Everyone:**

- **Black, 1", 3 ring binder**
- **Pencil**
- **Cleaning cloth for instrument**
- **Music stand**
- **Essential Technique for Strings (Book 3)**
  - for your instrument
- **Uniform for concerts**
  - black dress attire

*If you play...*

<i>Violin:</i>	<i>Viola:</i>	<i>Cello:</i>	<i>Bass:</i>
<b>Violin with case</b> (violinists are expected to provide their own violin, see the handout "Help! I need an instrument!" for more info)	<b>Viola with case</b> (violinists are expected to provide their own viola, see the handout "Help! I need an instrument!" for more info)	<b>Cello with case or bag</b> (cellists are expected to provide their own cello, see the handout "Help! I need an instrument!" for more info)	<b>Bass with case or bag</b> (bassists are expected to provide their own bass, see the handout "Help! I need an instrument!" for more info)
<b>Shoulder rest</b> (note: a shoulder rest is essential to playing the violin, violinists without a shoulder rest will not be allowed to play until they bring one)	<b>Shoulder rest</b> (note: a shoulder rest is essential to playing the viola, violists without a shoulder rest will not be allowed to play until they bring one)	<b>Rock stop</b> (rock stops will be used during performances and rehearsals on non-carpeted surfaces)	<b>Rock stop</b> (rock stops will be used during performances and rehearsals on non-carpeted surfaces)
<b>Bow</b>	<b>Bow</b>	<b>Bow</b>	<b>Bow</b>
<b>Rosin</b>	<b>Rosin</b>	<b>Rosin</b>	<b>Bass Rosin</b> (Bass rosin is stickier than rosin for other instruments. Any brand will be fine, but I prefer Pops rosin.)

**Suggested Supplies - not required but very helpful**

- Chromatic tuner or tuner app
- Metronome or metronome app
- Plastic page protectors
- Extra strings (violin, viola, and cello only)
- Shoulder rest bag (violin and viola only and only if the shoulder rest doesn't fit in the case)