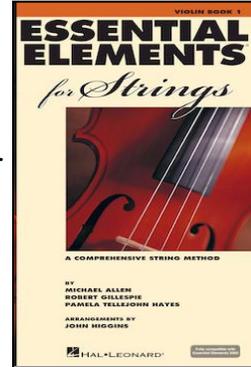


# Beginning and Intermediate Strings Class Supply List

1. **Book: Essential Elements for Strings (with EEi) Book 1 for violin, viola, or cello.** (Make sure you get a book to match your instrument!) This book includes an access code to their electronic resources. Approx. cost: \$10-15, available at most music stores and online.



2. **Rosin** for the bow to make a sound on the strings

Recommended for violins, violas, and cellos: [mini-block light/amber rosin](#)

Alternative for cellos only: [mini-block dark rosin](#)

Basses only: [Pop's medium bass rosin](#) (**Basses must only use bass rosin.**)

3. **Soft cloth** to keep the instrument clean

Recommended: hand-sized piece of an old cotton shirt, or [microfiber cloth like this](#))

4. **Sturdy, adjustable music stand** for home practice (small foldable options are also available)

5. **Clip-On Tuner**

Recommended: [D'Addario Eclipse](#) **OR** [Snark SN5X](#)

6. **Bass & Cello only: Rock Stop or Anchor**

Recommended for cellos: [Xeros endpin strap anchor](#)

Alternative for cellos: [Luthier's Choice rock stop for cello](#)

Recommended for basses: [Luthier's Choice rock stop for double bass](#)

7. **Violin & Viola only: Shoulder Rest (MUST match the instrument size)**

Recommended: [Everest](#) or [Kun](#)

Alternatives: [Firm Sponge](#) or [Sure Tone](#) (violas must measure width of instrument)

Optional: [Shoulder Rest Bag](#) for cases which do not fit a shoulder rest

8. **Violin & Viola only: Extra set of strings** - at least D'Addario Prelude or higher quality.

**\*\*Please write your FIRST NAME, LAST INITIAL, AND SCHOOL on all your materials!**

**A luggage tag is recommended for instrument cases\*\***

## **Beginning and Intermediate Strings Class Supply List**

You can rent or purchase instruments from local music stores. We encourage you to shop around. There are a lot of music stores in the area, take advantage of it. Instrument rental fees are approximately \$25-\$75 per month

### **Some things to keep in mind as you buy or rent an instrument:**

- Ask about available payment plan(s).
- Ask about repair plans. (Highly recommended)
- Ask about string replacement. (Some stores may replace strings at no charge.)
- Avoid purchasing used and/or generic brand instruments. Providing your child with an instrument that does not work properly can make learning an instrument very frustrating and disappointing.
- **Avoid purchasing instruments online or warehouse stores because of poor quality and expensive repair issues.** In many cases, these instruments do not work properly upon arrival and most stores will not repair them.

*\*Black, Pink, and other non-standard colored instruments are an indication of cheaply made instruments. Most instruments in these colors are of poor quality.\**