

SYLLABUS FOR STRINGS COURSE

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To expose students to the art of music
- 2. Improve concentration, physical coordination, memory skills, confidence and self-expression
- 3. Develop understanding the care and handling of the various string instruments
- 4. Develop knowledge of specific instrumental techniques
- 5. Learn to read music and understand musical concepts, such as pitch and rhythm
- 6. Develop responsibility, self-discipline and musicianship
- 7. Develop a good sense of pitch for playing in tune.



REQUIRED MATERIALS:

- String Instrument (violin, viola or cello)
- Rosin and cleaning cloth
- Shoulder pad or shoulder rest (For violin/viola only)
- Black Binder and Pencil
- Method Textbook (Book 1 or Book 2)



BEGINNER CLASS:

• Essential Elements for Strings. (Violin/Viola/Cello) Book 1 Michael Allen, Robert Gillespie & Pamela Tellejohn Hayes. Hal Leonard Publishers, 2001.

INTERMEDIATE CLASS:

 Essential Elements for Strings. (Violin/Viola/Cello) Book 2 Michael Allen, Robert Gillespie & Pamela Tellejohn Hayes. Hal Leonard Publishers, 2001.
**Both books are available at local music shops, plus Amazon.com, Target, Barnes & Noble

HOME PRACTICE:

Students should practice at least 4 days a week 20-30 minutes. Consistent, regular practice is a key ingredient to a student's success in reinforcing the concepts learned in class and developing the technical playing skills introduced in class. Students should take short breaks after practicing 10 minutes so that fatigue does not cause bad habits to form. The more frequent practice sessions are at home, the easier it will be for students to progress.