

Dear Parents and Guardians,

For over 40 years, the Cumberland County Schools' String Orchestra program has provided instruction in violin, viola, cello, and bass to thousands of young musicians. We invite you to consider your child's participation in this exciting music program. Starting at the fifth grade level, orchestra instruction in violin, viola, and cello is offered twice weekly during the school day. If your child is interested in playing the string bass, we would recommend that he or she begin study on the violin, viola, or cello this year and switch to bass next year in middle school. Orchestra instruction is also available at the middle and high school levels throughout the county school system. If you decide to take advantage of this educational opportunity, please fill out the google form linked below by Friday, September 25, 2020. Just click on the link, fill out the form and click to submit.

Elementary Orchestra Registration Form

If you choose to enroll your child in the Orchestra Program, we invite you to attend one of the <u>Parent Night Virtual Meets</u> for each school district listed below. Members of the orchestra faculty will be available to answer questions, give information about the orchestra program and counsel parents and students on instrument size and selection. A list of Orchestra teachers and the schools they serve is posted on the Arts Ed website linked below. If you are unable to attend a Virtual Meet, please contact your child's orchestra teacher by email for further information.

Arts Education - Orchestra Program

Monday, Sept. 28	Pine Forest District	6:30-7:00 p.m. Pine Forest District Orchestra Parent Meet	Wednesday , Sept. 30	South View District	6:30-7:00 p.m. South View District Orchestra Parent Meet
	Cape Fear District	6:30-7:00 p.m. Cape Fear District Orchestra Parent Meet		E. E. Smith District	6:30-7:00 p.m. E. E. Smith District Orchestra Parent Meet
	Gray's Creek District	6:30-7:00 p.m. Gray's Creek District Orchestra Parent Meet		Seventy First District	6:30-7:00 p.m. Seventy First District Orchestra Parent Meet
Tuesday, Sept. 29	Terry Sanford District	6:30-7:00 p.m. Terry Sanford District Orchestra Parent Meet	Thursday, Oct. 1	Westover District	6:30-7:00 p.m. Westover District Orchestra Parent Meet
	Jack Britt District	6:30-7:00 p.m. Jack Britt District Orchestra Parent Meet		Douglas Byrd District	6:30-7:00 p.m. Douglas Byrd District Orchestra Parent Meet

Orchestra students may participate in academic and athletic activities, as well as other extracurricular activities and still be a part of the school orchestra. Learning how to play a string instrument and belonging to a school orchestra opens up a whole new world of friendship and fun.

Thank you, The CCS Orchestra Faculty