



Orchestra Supply List

*If you are new to Collins Orchestra please do not rent or buy an instrument before talking with Mrs. Ellis. String instruments come in a variety of sizes to accommodate young players. They also vary in quality and price. Some of the instrument dealers make service calls to our school on a regular basis and provide replacement strings at school for their customers. **Students who rent from a dealer who does not supply strings at school, or students who own their instrument must have a replacement set of strings in their case at all times.** Please talk to Mrs. Ellis and read the rental and purchase information on the Collins Orchestra web page before making any decisions.*

All Students

Instrument--All instruments, except basses, need fine tuners for all strings.

Accessories required for your instrument:

- **Rosin** and a **cleaning cloth** for your instrument.
- **Shoulder rest** (Kun type, with collapsible feet) for violins and violas - be sure to get the right size for your instrument.
- **Rock stop or strap** for cellos and basses.

Collapsible music stand to use at home and to have for String Fling in the spring.

1" Black binder and **plastic page protector sleeves** for sheet music.

Loose leaf paper for taking notes and class work. This will be kept in your orchestra binder.

A **PENCIL!** Everyone should have a pencil in his or her binder every day.

5th Graders

Orchestra Expressions, Book 1 for your instrument.

Suzuki Book 1 for your instrument.

6th Graders

Orchestra Expressions, Book 2 for your instrument.

Suzuki Book 2 for your instrument (Except basses. Basses need ***Progressive Repertoire for the Double Bass, vol. 1*** by George Vance).

Students may want an accessories bag for their violin/viola case to hold their shoulder rest. Students may want a pencil bag in their binders to keep from losing their pencil. An inexpensive metronome/tuner can be helpful for home practice.

Having supplies with you when you are in class is part of your participation grade. Participation counts for 50% of your grade, so be sure you're prepared every day.

I am excited about orchestra this year and I hope that you are too! You can e-mail me at haellis@conroeisd.net. Go to <http://collins.conroeisd.net/Teachers/haellis> to visit Collins Orchestra on the web.

You will be successful and have fun in orchestra. We're going to have a great year!

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