



Instrument Rental Options

- Students enrolled in the Academy at Lincoln Orchestra must have an instrument to use in class.
- *The majority of students will rent their instrument.* The school has a small number of instruments that can be checked out for the school year, but *you are strongly encouraged to rent your instrument.*
- There are several reputable music shops in the area that rent school instruments:
 - [Moore Music Company](#)
 - 615 W. Market St. Greensboro, NC 27401
 - (336) 276-4636
 - [Music & Arts](#)
 - 2609 Lawndale Dr. Greensboro, NC 27408
 - (336) 282-1256
 - [The Music Barn](#)
 - 920 S. Chapman St. Greensboro, NC 27403
 - (336) 272-2118
 - [Artley Violins](#)
 - 213 Burlington Ave. Gibsonville, NC 27249
 - (336) 449-7297
 - [Bass Violin Shop](#)
 - 523 N. Cedar St. Greensboro, NC 27401
 - (336) 272-2877
- If and when you are ready to purchase an instrument, please contact Dr. Blanton for assistance. A string instrument is an investment that should be made with the guidance of a teacher.
- If you are not in a position to purchase or rent, Lincoln has some instruments which can be checked out. Please contact Dr. Blanton to reserve a school instrument:
 - blantoc@gcsnc.com
 - (336) 543-0693 (call or text)



Instrument Care and FAQs

- ***How do I properly store my instrument?***
 - When you are not playing or practicing, your instrument should be safely put away in your case. Your instrument is very sensitive to changes in temperature and humidity: it should never be left in a car, a garage, or anywhere that the temperature and humidity cannot be controlled.

- ***How do I clean my instrument?***
 - Your instrument should be wiped down with a ***clean, dry, soft cloth*** after you play. The rosin we use on our bows can build up on your strings, fingerboard, and instrument. Any residue on your hands and fingers can also impact your instrument. Wash (and dry!) you hands before you play.

- ***What accessories do I need for my instrument?***
 - Violins & Violas: rosin, shoulder rest, cleaning cloth
 - Cellos & Basses: rosin, rock stop/chair anchor, cleaning cloth

- ***Why do I need to rosin my bow?***
 - Rosin adds the grit we need to make friction between the bow hairs and the strings. One application of rosin will work for about two hours of playing, so we generally need to rosin every day or every other day.

- ***I saw a pink and green violin on Amazon: is it any good?***
 - Generally speaking, no. The paint used on those instruments negatively affects the sound quality, and the bridge, fingerboard, and chinrest are usually not set up correctly. When you are ready to buy an instrument, please contact Dr. Blanton for guidance.

- ***But I'm left-handed: can I still learn to play?***
 - Absolutely. You will still learn by holding your instrument in your left hand and your bow in your right hand.

- ***Do I need short nails to play my instrument?***
 - You need short nails to play your instrument ***well***. To play in tune and with a good tone, your fingernails should stay on the short side.



Orchestra Supply List

- 1. Your Instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass)**
 - a. You must have your instrument by Wednesday, September 1st.**

- 2. Your Method Book**
 - a. 6th Grade: Essential Elements for Strings, Book 1**
 - b. 7th Grade: Essential Elements for Strings, Book 1**
 - c. 8th Grade: Essential Elements for Strings, Book 1 & 2**

- 3. Sharpened Pencils**

- 4. A Folder**

- 5. Looseleaf Paper**

- 6. Post-Its in the color of your choice**

- 7. Access to our class Canvas Page**