



**Program Information**  
**September 2020–June 2021**

**About the Program**

- The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Strings Instruction Program is offered through Continuing Education. The Strings Program provides an opportunity for children enrolled in grades 4 to 8 and attending HWDSB schools, to learn to play the violin or cello. Strings is a fee-for-service program.
- Whenever possible, lessons are taught in the students' home school once a week during the instructional day which means lessons are scheduled during regular class time, nutrition breaks or lunch break. Lessons are also offered at various HWDSB schools some evenings.
- **If school schedules or access are varied/interrupted or schools are closed, some instruction will be delivered virtually using the MS Teams platform.**
- An Orchestra program is also available as an additional opportunity to enhance your child's skills beyond the regular lessons and is held on Wednesday evenings at Hill Park Learning Centre.
- Weekly lessons are 1/2 hour each in length and Orchestra lessons are one hour in length.  
**PLEASE NOTE:** Orchestra is only available to students who register for weekly lessons.
- **INSTRUMENTS ARE PROVIDED AT NO COST!**
- **MUSIC BOOK INCLUDED!** All students will receive an instructional music book at their own level to use and keep!
- Winter and Spring concerts—All students are invited to showcase their musical accomplishments during each of these performance opportunities.

**REGISTER ON-LINE AT: [www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/strings](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/cce/strings)**

**Weekly Lessons**

Includes 30 - 1/2 hour lessons - once per week

**OPTION 1** - Group Lessons ( 3-5 students ) = \$320.00

**OPTION 2** - Private Lessons (1 student ) = \$725.00

**CHEQUES ARE TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO:**

Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board

Credit Card payments accepted—following receipt of your registration you will be contacted with a link to make a payment via School Cash On-Line.

**Weekly Lessons WITH Orchestra**

Includes an additional 30 - 1 hour lessons - once per week.

**OPTION 1** - Group Lessons + Orchestra \$525.00

**Early Bird (Group Lessons + Orchestra) = \$510.00**

**OPTION 2** - Private Lessons + Orchestra \$925.00

**Early Bird (Private Lessons + Orchestra) = \$910.00**

**Early Bird payment deadline is June 25, 2020**

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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- Please complete the on-line application and send your payment (with payment form) to the CE Strings Program or make your credit or Visa/MC Debit payment on-line by September 14, 2020, so scheduling can be completed.
- To mail the payment, please address it to: Elementary Strings Program, Hill Park Learning Centre, 465 East 16th Street, Hamilton, Ontario L9A 4K6
- A confirmation of lesson dates and times will be emailed by the beginning of October.
- Classes begin in early October 2020 and end in May/June 2021.
- **All Cello lessons will be held on Wednesday evenings at Hill Park Learning Centre.**
- We will endeavour to accommodate all registration requests and structure group lessons according to students' skills and abilities.

## MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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- Families will be asked to sign an "Instrument Use Agreement".
- Students/Parents will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the instrument while in their possession.
- Families may be required to compensate HWDSB for lost or damaged instruments that exceeds normal wear and tear. Should the instrument require repair during the period of use, a replacement instrument will be provided if available.
- Students who are not returning to the Strings Program in the next school year will be required to return their instrument either the evening of the Spring concert or to the Hill Park Learning Centre during office hours of 8:30-4:00, between Monday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 18, 2021.
- Students who are returning may keep their instrument for use over the summer months. For inventory purposes, parents are requested to email [strings@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:strings@hwdsb.on.ca) with the instrument size and ID number.
- **PLEASE NOTE: If a student is not returning and the instrument is not returned by June 18, 2021, there will be a \$20/month late fee assessed.**

## WITHDRAWALS, REFUNDS AND FAQ's

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- Families that wish to withdraw a child from lessons should inform Tammy Ayre, Strings Administrator via email at: [strings@hwdsb.on.ca](mailto:strings@hwdsb.on.ca) or by phone (905) 561-2190, ext 4770.
- All instruments and accessories are to be returned immediately to the Hill Park Learning Centre.
- Withdrawals from the program prior to October 31st, 2020 — registration fees will be refunded minus fees for lessons received and a \$25 administration fee. **No refunds will be processed after October 31st, 2020.**
- In the event of "cancelled" school days, we will endeavour to offer the lesson via MS Teams or a make-up lesson, however, there will be no refund for lessons that can not be made up.
- **Make up lessons are not provided when your student misses due to absence from school/ participation in school events.**
- Refunds will be returned by cheque. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing.
- If HWDSB is unable to accommodate your child for lessons, a full refund will be processed. **PLEASE NOTE: If a student is not returning and the instrument is not returned by June 18, 2021 there will be a \$20/month late fee assessed.**

***PLEASE KEEP THIS PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE***

## Continuing Education—Elementary Strings Program

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**Hill Park Learning Centre**

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