



***Program Information***  
***October 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.
- ***During the 2020-2021 School Year our program has moved to a fully on-line format with classes happening over MS Teams in the evenings.***
- Weekly lessons are 40 minutes each and there will be 26 lessons this year.
- An Orchestra program is also available as an additional opportunity to enhance your child's skills beyond the regular lessons. The Orchestra component has been restructured for 2020-2021 as well and will consist of 40 minute lessons for groups of approximately 8 students (26 Orchestra lessons total).
- **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!

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

**Weekly Lessons**

Includes 26 - 40 minute lessons - once per week

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

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

**Weekly Lessons WITH Orchestra**

Includes an additional 26 - 40 minute lessons - once per week.

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

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

**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.

## 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 28, 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 in early October.
- Classes begin in mid-October 2020 and end in May/June 2021.
- 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 our 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 November 15, 2020 — registration fees will be refunded minus fees for lessons received and a \$25 administration fee. **No refunds will be processed after November 15th, 2020.**
- **Make up lessons are not provided when your student misses due to absence from school/ participation in school events.**
- Refunds will be returned in the form in which payment was received. Please allow 4-6 weeks for processing of refunds by cheque.
- 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

### Hill Park Learning Centre

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