



Program Information—October 2021—May 2022

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 2021-2022 school year our program has moved to a fully online format with classes happening over MS Teams in the evenings.**
- Weekly lessons are 45 minutes each and there will be 24 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 2021-2022 as well and will consist of 45 minute lessons for groups of approximately 8 students (24 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

Weekly Lessons

Includes 24 - 45 minute lessons - once per week

OPTION 1 - Group Lessons (3-5 students) = \$335.00

OPTION 2 - Private Lessons (1 student) = \$760.00

Weekly Lessons WITH Orchestra

Includes an additional 24 - 45 minute lessons - once per week.

OPTION 1 - Group Lessons + Orchestra \$550.00

OPTION 2 - Private Lessons + Orchestra \$975.00

**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

- 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 30, 2021, 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 2021 and end in April/May 2022.
- We will endeavour to accommodate all registration requests and structure group lessons according to students' skills and abilities.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

- 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 during office hours of 8:30-4:00, between June 21 - June 28, 2022.
- 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 with the instrument size and ID number.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** If a student is not returning and the instrument is not returned by June 28, 2022, there will be a \$20/month late fee assessed.

WITHDRAWALS, REFUNDS AND FAQ'S

- Families that wish to withdraw a child from lessons should inform our Strings Administrator via email at: 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, 2021 — registration fees will be refunded minus fees for lessons received and a \$25 administration fee. **No refunds will be processed after November 15th, 2021.**
- Make up lessons are provided if the program cancels a lesson because no Instructor is available. **Make up lessons are not provided when your student misses a lesson due to your personal/family/other commitments.**
- 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 KEEP THIS PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Continuing Education—Elementary Strings Program



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