

Why Your School System Needs a String Program



A comprehensive music program includes a string orchestra.

By creating equal access to string study, there are more opportunities for all students.

🎵 String students can play in string ensembles.

Full orchestra opens up performance opportunities for wind, brass, and percussion students. 🎵

🎵 Choral students can perform choral master works with full orchestra.

Musical productions can include a pit orchestra. 🎵

Many students prefer the sound of strings to band or chorus.

A quality orchestra program strengthens a band program – it does not hinder it!

An abundance of original music exists for string instruments and full orchestra in various styles from classical to rock.

Rich historical background with works from master composers like Mozart and Bach.

Students can begin string instrument study at an early age because instruments are available in smaller sizes.

Children are enriched by exposure to multidisciplinary and multicultural studies.

Lifelong gift to perform and give to community beyond graduation.

Getting A String Program Started In Your Community

Get your PTA Arts Committee on Board!

1. Talk to your general music teacher and band director to find names of local private string teachers. If none are available, contact the nearest university.
2. Enlist studio teachers and parents of their students who need an ensemble setting. Your school is the perfect venue!
3. Meet with existing music staff to get their support – success depends on this!
 - stress academic benefits; music students out perform their peers**
 - stress equal access for all students**
 - stress more opportunities available for all students**
4. Meet with school administrators to gain support and use ASTA 's *Save Our Strings* PowerPoint available at www.astaweb.com as a resource.
5. Prepare budget and advocacy plan to present to the school board.
6. Contact the nearest local symphony and ask its director to speak to administrators and the school board.
7. Recruit your local music store to get support from its customers with informative flyers and posters advocating strings.

About the

American String Teachers Association

The American String Teachers Association (ASTA) is a national membership organization committed to advancing string education in communities across the nation. ASTA enriches people's lives by supporting string and orchestra teaching and playing.

The goals related to the mission statement are:

- Meeting the membership needs through programs, activities, and services;
- Developing leadership for the string profession;
- Enhancing the image and visibility of string and orchestra teaching and study, promoting the inclusion of string and orchestra programs in schools, and advocating for string and orchestra education;
- Creating an inclusive community that embraces diversity, and;
- Enhancing the quality of string teaching and performing.

Our 11,500 membership includes teachers, faculty, administrators, industry members, institutions and music advocates from all 50 states as well as educators from around the world.

String Orchestra Programs are Key to Academic and Artistic Success!



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