



Innovation
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Join Band &
Orchestra!**

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**2021-22 Instrumental
Music Recruitment**

Dear Huskies,

I am SO excited to start building Innovation's first ever instrumental music program, and I need YOUR help! If you think you might be interested in joining band or orchestra this year, check out the following slides for information about your playing options!

Sincerely,
Ms. McGreevy



ORCHESTRA

instrument choices



violin



viola



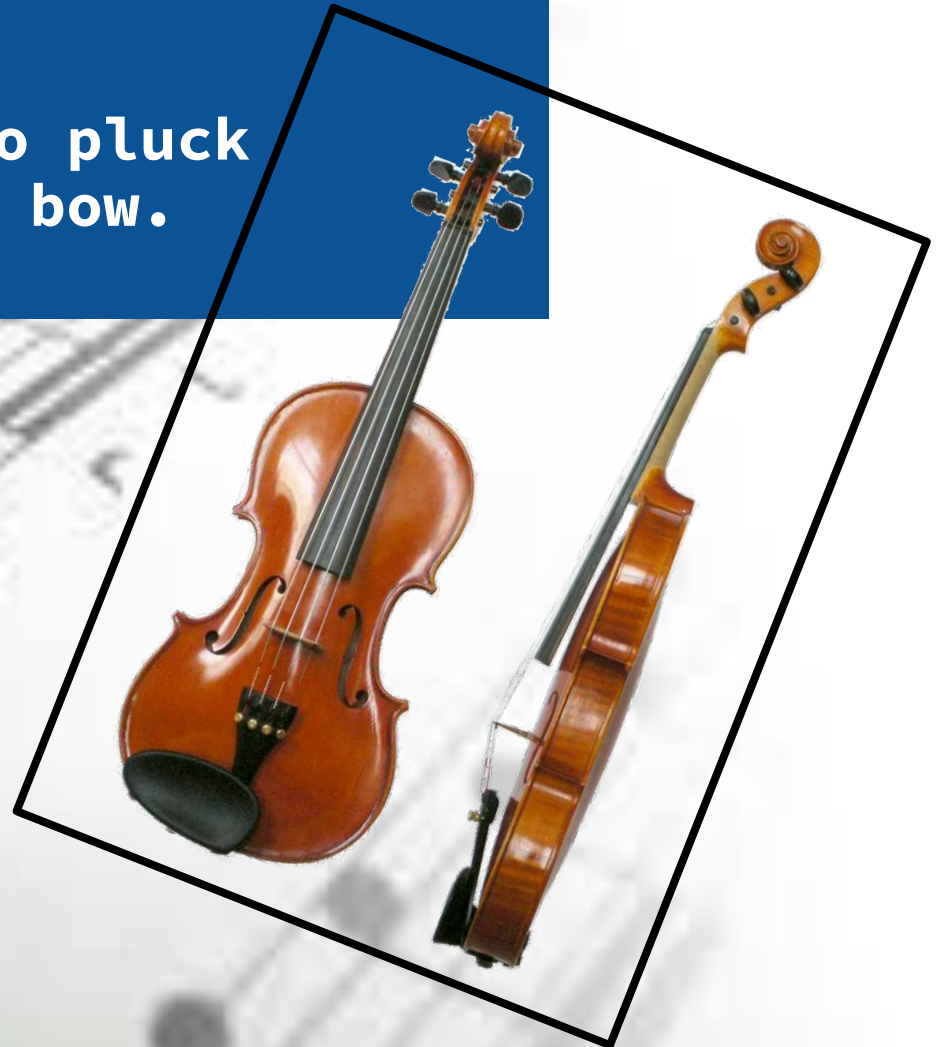
cello



bass

- smallest instrument in the string family
- The violin makes up most of the orchestra.
- Relatively quiet!
- To play: use fingers to pluck (pizzicato) or use the bow.

Violin



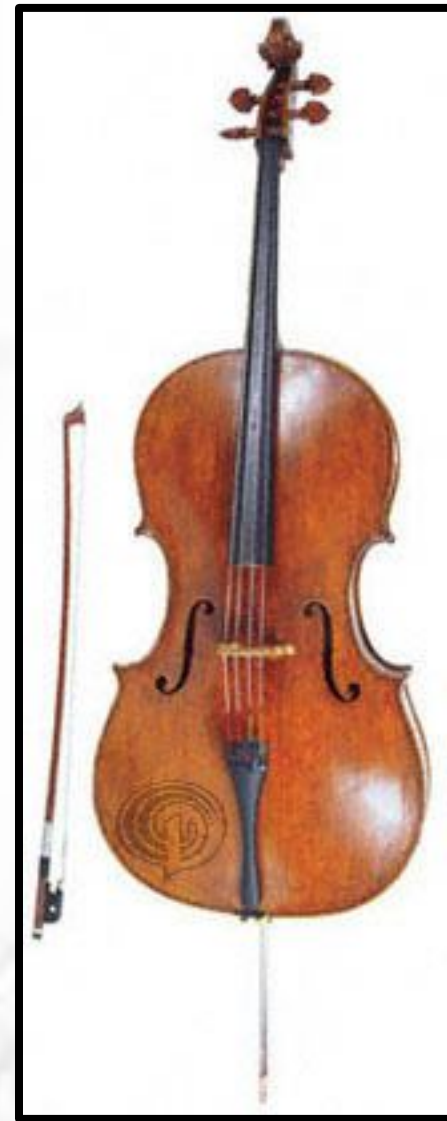
Viola

- Played like a violin
- Bigger than a violin, with a deeper, darker, more mellow sound

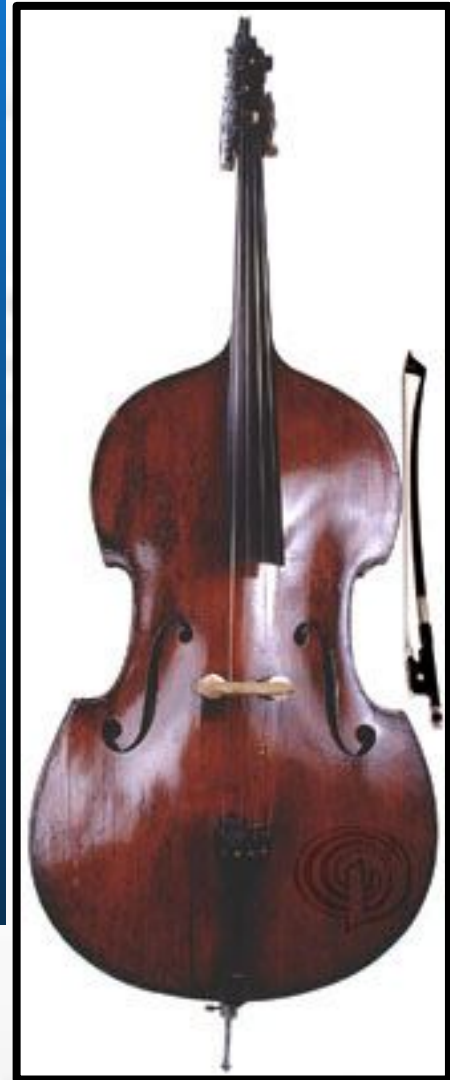


Cello

- Bigger instrument
- Lower sounding instrument
- It has to be played sitting down.
- Be aware that school buses may not allow cellos due to size. 😞



- Largest and lowest-sounding of the string instruments
- You stand or sit on a stool to play.



Double Bass

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woodwind instrument choices



Flute



Clarinet



Saxophone

Flute

- The flute has the highest pitch of the wind instruments.
- The flute requires more practice in the beginning due to the embouchure (way you form your mouth to play).
- Small enough to put in backpacks!



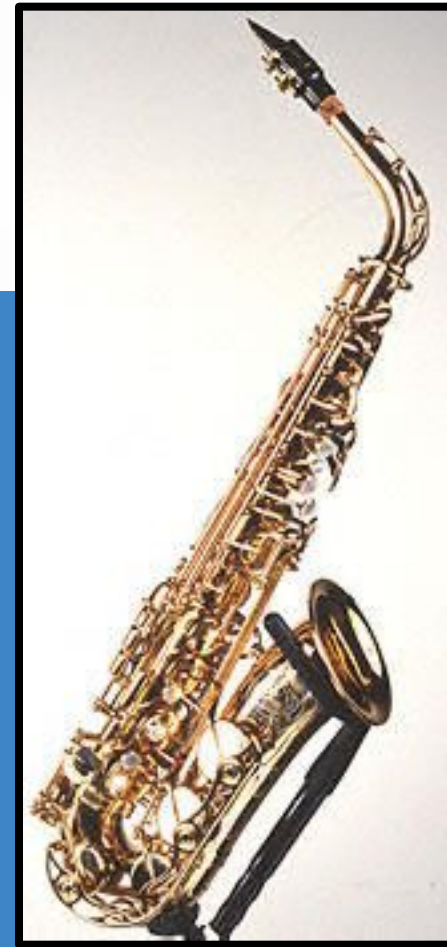
Clarinet

- The clarinet is a reed instrument.
- Higher sounding instrument
- Easy to carry to school!
- More suitable for students with bigger pads to their fingers



Alto Saxophone

- Biggest of the woodwinds we offer
- Reed instrument
- May be too heavy for some students to play at this age. The weight goes on the student's neck.



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brass instrument choices



Trumpet



- Smallest brass instrument
- Highest-sounding brass instrument
- Mutes are available if needed to muffle the sound at home.

French Horn



- **Medium-sized brass instrument**
- **Best for a student with a very good ear (one who can match pitch easily)**

Trombone

- It has a slide!
- Trombone students should have longer arms to extend the slide.
- Larger instrument



Baritone

- Very large, and heavy instrument!
- Should play while sitting.
- Sounds very similar to a trombone



AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

PERCUSSION!!

Percussion



- You will stand to play.
- As a beginner, you will learn 2 instruments at the same time (snare drum & xylophone). You will also get a glimpse of other percussive instruments.
- Best suited for a student with great music literacy skills
- Is the metronome (timekeeper) of the band