

# Materials List for Beginning Strings

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## Book

One copy of the GGUSD Beginning String Book will be supplied to each student.

## Accessories:

### Violin and Viola

- ☐ Cleaning Cloth (about 12" x 12")
- ☐ Rosin
- ☐ One extra set of strings
- ☐ Shoulder pad (or sponge and rubber bands)
- ☐ Fine tuners installed on all four strings

### Cello

- ☐ Cleaning Cloth (about 12" x 12")
- ☐ Rosin
- ☐ Fine tuners installed on all four strings
- ☐ End pin stop

## String Instrument Size

- ☐ 1/4 violin    ☐ 1/2 violin    ☐ 3/4 violin or 13" viola    ☐ full size (4/4) violin or 14" viola

# Taking Care of Your String Instrument

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Handle your instrument with great care. Use common sense!

Never let anyone else play (or even touch) your instrument! Do not play your instrument going to and from school.

Never eat food or chew gum while playing your instrument.

Put a name tag on your case.

Do not put books, music or other materials in your case unless there is a special place provided.

Protect instrument from extreme temperatures, including direct sunlight and rain.

Wash your hands before you play.

Keep the make and serial number of your instrument at home in a safe place.

Do not tune your instrument! You may break a string.

Wipe rosin dust off the instrument and bow stick with a soft cloth after playing.

Do not over-tighten the bow! The stick must keep its curved shape. Always loosen the bow hair before putting it away.

Rosin bow as needed before playing.

Don't touch the bow hair.

CELLO: Remove bow from case before taking instrument out. Always lay the cello on its side close to a wall when not being played. When putting the cello back in its case, push in the end pin and tighten the screw.

DO NOT ATTEMPT HOME REPAIRS. If you think there is a problem with the instrument, please take it to the music teacher for evaluation, or to a professional for repair.