

Vandeventer MS Orchestra Elective Selection and Sizing Information

Greetings potential orchestra family,

Your student has the opportunity to join the Vandeventer Orchestra next year!

Steps to take if you want to join the Vandeventer Orchestra:

1. Select Orchestra as your #1 Elective Choice on your Course Card that is turned in to the school/counselors. 6th Graders only get one elective, so make sure you put #1!
 - If you selected another elective and want to be in the orchestra, please contact a school counselor to change your elective choice.
2. Watch the instrument videos in the [About Orchestra Slideshow](#) and [Dallas Strings Instrument Demonstration Video](#) to determine which instrument you would like to play. Zero experience is required to join. Orchestra is a year-long commitment.

If your student already plays an orchestra instrument (if not, skip to step number 3), please email Mr. Schmaus at schmausp@friscoisd.org with the following information:

- i. Student legal name and ID#
 - ii. Which instrument they play (violin, viola, cello, bass, or harp)
 - iii. How long they have been playing
 - iv. What music or book they are currently working on
 - You should reference the audition information requirements below and begin working on these with your private teacher to submit over the summer for next year's orchestra placement.
 - [Non-Beginner \(Advanced 6th Grade\) Audition Information](#)
 - i. VMS Orchestra Video Audition Deadline: Friday, June 28th, 2024
3. Attend the Orchestra Instrument Selection and Sizing Event
 - TBD
 - i. Location: Vandeventer Cafeteria
 - ii. Music professionals will assist students with selecting an instrument and sizing students for rentals.
4. If you are unable to attend the Instrument Selection and Sizing Event, please use the [Instrument Sizing Guide](#) to pick which instrument size is right for your student.
 - When you measure, if you are split between two sizes, it is better to pick the smaller size.
 - Don't worry: There is no extra charge to change instrument sizes, should you need a different size later