

Dear Parents:

Your child has expressed an interest in learning to play a string instrument. Fremont Public Schools is pleased to offer beginning string instruction to students beginning in the 4th grade next year. Orchestra classes meet during the school day and will be free of charge. Instruction will be offered in the violin, viola, cello and bass. In order for your child to participate in these classes, it will be necessary for you to furnish an instrument. Music stores offer very reasonable rental or lease plans for these instruments.

You are invited to attend Instrument night at Fremont Middle School on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Representatives of various music stores will be available to help you find an instrument. If you do not wish to attend, you can take the shopping list to the music store of your choice.

Orchestra instruction for new players will begin in June. Summer Orchestra for beginners will take place at the Middle School, June 1<sup>st</sup>-June 18<sup>th</sup>. The first week will be Monday through Friday, two 25-minute individual lessons should be scheduled on any days and times that are convenient for you (June 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 between 8:00-11:00 a.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.). Registration for these lessons may be completed through a link titled "Summer Beginning Band and Orchestra" on the Fremont Middle School website at <http://www.fpsweb.org/FMS/middleschool.html>. Please note that this link will not be active until around May 11<sup>th</sup>. These lessons may also be registered by contacting Mrs. McShane-Schwieger via phone or email.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 1 hour lessons in a large group. Lessons will be from 10-11:00 a.m. or 1:00-2:00 p.m.

If you wish to enroll your child, please complete the Summer Orchestra Registration form and mail it to me at the indicated address by May 29<sup>th</sup>. If additional information is desired, please feel free to contact me at 727-3114 (Middle School) or via email at [katie.mcshane-schwieger@fpsmail.org](mailto:katie.mcshane-schwieger@fpsmail.org).

The tuition for the Orchestra is \$20.00 payable before May 29<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be made payable to "Fremont Public Schools". Tuition can be given to your school principal or secretary or mailed to the Middle School – Summer Orchestra Program 540 Johnson Road, Fremont.

Orchestra will meet the following days in the month of June.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Lessons	2 Lessons	3 Lessons	4 Lessons	5 Lessons	6
7	8	9 Orchestra	10 Orchestra	11 Orchestra	12	13
14	15	16 Orchestra	17 Orchestra	18 Orchestra	19	20

Questions: Katie McShane-Schwieger 727-3114 (Middle School) or [katie.mcshane-schwieger@fpsmail.org](mailto:katie.mcshane-schwieger@fpsmail.org)

Registration Form – Detach and return with payment

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**Fremont Public Schools**  
**SUMMER ORCHESTRA REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Orchestra will be held during the times listed above. Tuition is \$20.00. Please attach check or cash to this form and return it by **May 29<sup>th</sup>** to:

Elementary Principal's Office or

Mail to: Katie McShane-Schwieger, Fremont Middle School, 540 Johnson Road  
Fremont, NE 68025

## BEGINNER ORCHESTRA SHOPPING LIST

PLEASE TAKE THIS FORM WITH YOU TO THE MUSIC STORE

An instrument may be obtained from most music store vendors. These are stores that I am aware of and that have reasonable lease, rental, and/or trial purchase plans available. You may do business with any store you prefer.

A Cavallo Violins LLC	8707 Shamrock Rd., Omaha, NE	402/827-9270
Ann's Music House	3040 N. 102 <sup>nd</sup> St, Omaha, NE	402/572-4000
Dietze Music House	13015 W. Center Rd Suite A-1B, Omaha	402/333-1535
Dietze Music House	1208 "O" St., Lincoln, NE	402/476-6644
Nielson Violin Shop	1904 Farnam St.Rm 605, Omaha, NE	402/342-5880
Midwest Violin	11714 Shirley St., Omaha, NE	402/331-8500
Schmitt Music	7355 Dodge St., Omaha, NE	402/391-5588
Southwest Strings	website: <a href="http://www.swstrings.com">www.swstrings.com</a>	

If you are considering another source, I suggest you call me to assist you in evaluating it, as one of the principle causes of student failure is an inferior instrument. You should obtain the following for your child:

- Instrument
- A folding music stand
- A shoulder rest for violins and viola-this is required (a carved sponge, Resonans, Viva or Kuns (be sure the sales associate considers the child's neck length)
- A rock stop for cellos and basses (sometimes included with the instrument)
- A stool for basses; if you wish
- A pencil for EVERY REHEARSAL
- A soft cloth to keep the instrument clean (not one that leaves lint)
- Rosin (often included in the instrument package)