



## Hawks Rise Elementary School: 2023-2024 String-Orchestra Information & Enrollment Form **\*Please complete online\*** <https://forms.office.com/r/aytGQeiRmC> (9/3/23 deadline)



**Join string orchestra and learn to play violin, viola, or cello this school year! Instruction is FREE, courtesy of LCS, but you will need to rent or buy an instrument to participate. Join the fun & experience the joy of music through learning to play an instrument & through being part of an ensemble in a friendly & supportive environment.**

Music & the arts are essential! Through music we express our emotions, share experiences with others, create, problem solve...relieve stress...music & the arts address the whole person. In addition, learning to play an instrument and learning how to read music help provide a great foundation for all aspects of life. Orchestra students learn self-discipline, delayed gratification, group cooperation, problem-solving, goal setting, memory skills, concentration, poise, enhanced physical coordination, high self-esteem, & the importance of teamwork...skills in great demand in almost every aspect of life.

Middle and high schools, universities, community and professional orchestras, homelife, & religious organizations offer life-long opportunities to enjoy playing an orchestral string instrument, not to mention the boundless opportunities individuals have to create & play music as soloists or in smaller chamber ensembles. Don't miss out on this opportunity! Sign up today!

**About the teacher:** I'm Mrs. Foltz, an LCS String-Orchestra Teacher, & this is my 12th year teaching LCS students & my 9th year at HRES. I am a lifelong musician & earned my Master of Music degree from Florida State University. I also earned a B.A. in Music & a B.S. in Political Science from Jacksonville University (FL). Active as a performer & as a lifelong learner, I encourage my students to do the same. When I am not teaching, you will find me conducting & playing & singing in various ensembles in town and regionally. I have also performed and conducted in the U.S. & internationally, professionally, individually, as part of community/professional arts organizations, & as a participant in masterclasses. I look forward to teaching our fifth-grade students this year!

### **Please note the following about orchestra:**

\* Orchestra meets Tuesdays and Thursdays during special-area time. Students will not be penalized for missing Art/Music/PE/Media classes. Grades for those classes may be left blank.

\* Leon County Schools graciously funds the instructional portion of the orchestra class.

\* Students may choose to play violin, viola, or cello. Students must bring their own instruments & orchestra supplies to school with them on orchestra days & carry their instruments/supplies home at the end of the day.

\* Consistent practice is essential to progressing at learning to play an instrument. Students who enroll in this course are committing to 15-20 minutes of daily at-home practice. Parents/guardians are expected to play a supportive role in this area.

\* While it does require commitment & perseverance, playing an instrument is fun and rewarding!

\* *This class is an introductory-level program for students who have not played the violin, viola, or cello in the past, or who have limited experience.* Please note that this class must by nature start "at the beginning." Any more-advanced students seeking to join must be willing to join in from the beginning & to maintain a positive & supportive attitude.

