



CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS
**SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA**

2024-2025 Supply List

Summary

HS orchestra students need the following items to participate in orchestra; a detailed description of each item is located below the summary.

1. One black three-ring “View Binder” with clear cover and one-inch rings
2. Concert Uniform: Tux or Symphony Dress (see below for details)
3. Instrument: good quality violin, viola, cello or bass with rosin and extra strings.
Cello/bass students who don’t want to bring their own instrument to school every day can rent one from the orchestra for \$120 a year.
4. The \$225 Orchestra Class Fee this year is due August 26. See below for details.

Class Fee

The class fee for String Majors is \$225 for the year. This covers the following:

- Meals before concerts for students who cannot go home between the end of school and the concert.
- Concert Security—Boosters are now being asked to pay for security at concerts.
- The purchase of new music, method books and other educational materials
- SOA Symphony t-shirts and garment bags
- Bus transportation for local performances like Concert Festival
- Awards, concert programs and office supplies
- Sectional coaching with professional musicians
- Region audition fees and professional membership fees for students to participate in SCMEA events

Please pay all fees through our website. Go to our website, www.soaorchestra.org, and log in. You cannot gain full access to your account without logging in. Click on “My Account” on the top navigation bar, and then select “My Forms and Fees.” You can use your credit card, get a receipt, and Booster Treasurer will receive immediate record of your payment. Your payment is deposited immediately into our account when you use MembershipToolkit. This is much safer

than sending money to school, which goes through your child's backpack, and then through the hands of the Director and Treasurer before getting deposited. If you must pay by check, make it out to **SOA HSO Boosters, and write the student's name in the memo box.** All checks should be placed in the money lock box on the wall next to the Orchestra Office door.

Students who are on free or reduced lunch can apply for a waiver. Parents must notify the director, and they will be asked to pay an amount that is appropriate and affordable for them.

Black three-ring “View Binder” with clear cover for inserts (size: one-inch rings) with 5 divider tabs. Students are required to keep their music, written work and other handouts organized in this binder. Students are expected to bring to this binder to every class (for a grade if necessary). Students are also to bring a box of pencils in at the beginning of the year.

Concert Uniform

Students are required to wear uniform concert attire for all formal concerts. Wind, Brass, & Percussion students may wear the formal concert dress required by the band director.

- **Tux:** White tux shirt, black bow-tie, tux jacket and pants, black dress shoes and socks. Tuxedos can be purchased online or at a local formal wear store or stores like Belk or Burlington. Get two bow-ties, because they always lose one. Also, if your child is still growing, get a tux that is one or two sizes big, so they can grow into it. All string students must also own a solid black button-down dress shirt with black buttons.
- **Dress:** The primary formal attire for symphony women is the uniform symphony dress ordered through the SOA HSO Boosters. Women will be sized in the first weeks of school. The cost of the dress is \$85.00 for regular sizes and \$95.00 for plus sizes. Please complete payments in your "My Account" page on the SOA Orchestra site by September 10.
- **Alternate Attire** (See Dr. Selby if you would prefer to wear the alternate attire) Solid Black (no pattern) full length formal suit pants and jacket, with white blouse/shirt, formal black shoes and stockings/socks. Suit pants and jacket must be from the same suit collection with matching black dye color. All string students wearing the alternate formal attire must also own a solid black blouse/shirt to wear under the suite jacket.

Instruments

Violin and viola students are required to bring their instruments to every class and take their instrument home every night to practice; some students have an instrument to leave at school for rehearsal purposes. Students will be assigned a locker in the storage room and are expected to store their instruments in these lockers when not in use. Students supply their own locks and must give the combination to the director before placing it on the locker. They are expected to keep their locker and the instrument storage room clean. Students must have a quality instrument in good playing condition that receives proper and regular maintenance; replace old strings and bow hair regularly and the student will enjoy the instrument much more. Student names must be

clearly written on the outside of the case for easy identification.

Cello and Bass Instruments and Rental for School Use

Students may bring their own instruments back and forth to school every day, or they can rent a school instrument to use at school, as long as they have their own instrument at home for homework. Students who wish to use a school cello or bass must pay a rental fee and they are responsible for taking care of any school instrument to which they are assigned. Class fees do not cover repairs and other costs related to school owned cellos and basses; the instrument rental fee covers these costs. The Instrument Rental Fee is \$120 for the year, which pays for strings, bow rehairs and minor repairs.

Instruments, strings, and bows should be wiped clean with a soft cloth after each use. Bows should be loosened and put away when not being used. Instruments should never be left on the floor or on top of a case unattended. Any damage incurred to an instrument or bow, whether it is the student's instrument or another's, due to the failure to follow these procedures or by negligence on the part of the student, is solely the responsibility of that student.

To rent a cello or bass, complete the application on the SOA Orchestra website (soaorchestra.org) and pay the \$120 fee on the "My Accounts" page.

Accessories: Students are expected to purchase and keep the necessary accessories with their instrument, including rosin, shoulder pads or rock stops, cloths, pencils, and good strings. A folding wire stand and metronome are required for use at home.

Method Book (Included in fee): All String Majors will receive a copy of *Habits of a Successful String Musician* included in their class fee. They are required to bring this book to class. If the student loses their method book, they will need to get another, either from a music store or from the boosters; books cost \$10.00.

Wind, Brass and Percussion students are to bring their instruments to every rehearsal and are expected to keep their reeds, valves, slides, etc. in good working condition. The SOA band directors can answer questions about renting, purchasing and repairing instruments.