

Welcome to Back to Music Night

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Mrs. Sanders, Chorus & General Music Teacher

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Getting Started

- Chorus, Band, and Orchestra lessons will begin the week of **Monday, September 20**
- Try to have all instruments and supplies by:
 - **Monday, September 20** for Band
 - **Friday, October 1** for Orchestra
- Attend all lessons even if students do not yet have all of their materials
- Please talk to Mrs. Jacobs or Mr. Obrigewitch if you have questions about instruments

Chorus

This year, chorus is open to all 4th and 5th grade students. There is no audition! If you enjoy singing and want to improve your singing and musicianship skills, please sign up for chorus.

4th Grade Chorus meets on **Orange** days from 2:45-3:15

5th Grade Chorus meets on **Yellow** days from 2:45-3:15

If you have any questions, email larissa_sanders@hcpss.org

Chorus Sign-up Form



<https://forms.gle/BhJwHij6DXGHkDmVA>

Band & Orchestra Sign Up Forms

Band



<https://forms.gle/vNfayJkociTWsQT17>

Orchestra



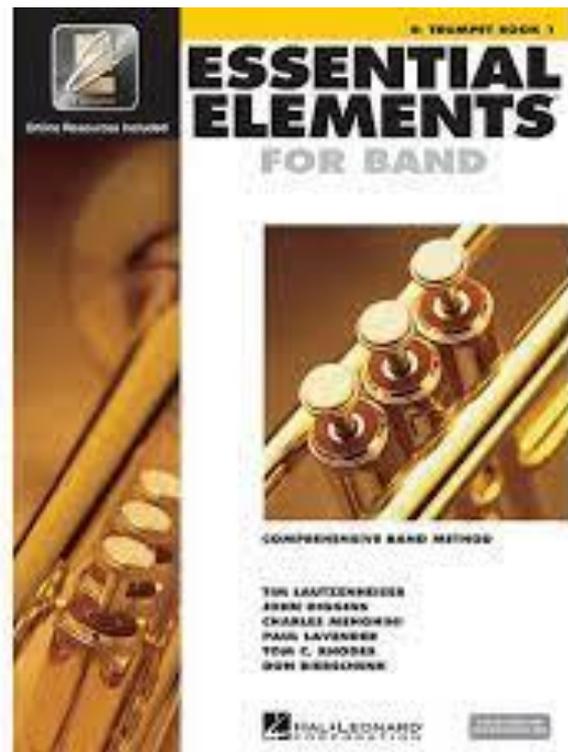
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Instruments and Supplies

- Rent or purchase from a local music store - flyers are available
- Many stores offer rent to own programs
- School may be able to provide instruments if needed, especially larger instruments
- Put name tags on all instrument cases, methods books, and folders

Band Book

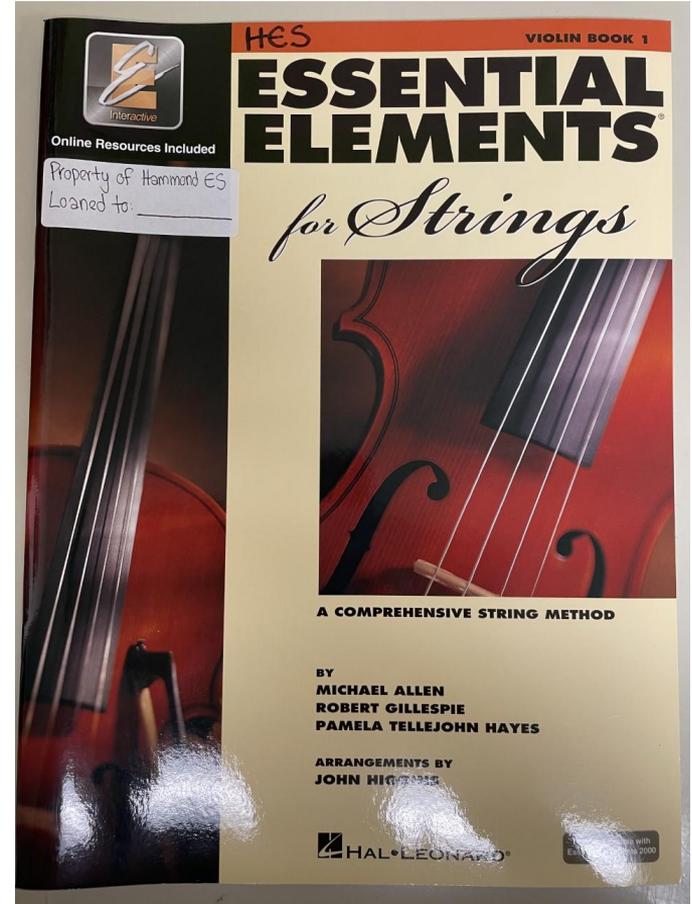
Both 4th and 5th Grade: Essential Elements Book 1



Orchestra Books

Essential Elements Book 1 (orange stripe):

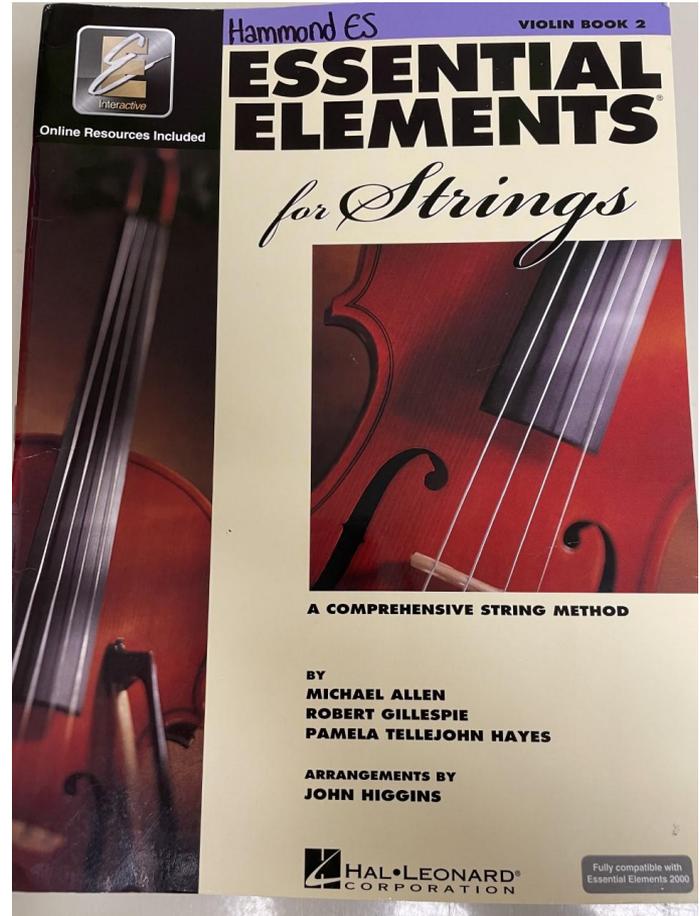
- 3rd Grade
- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade Beginners (1st or 2nd year)



Orchestra Books

Essential Elements Book 2 (purple stripe):

- 5th Grade Advanced (3rd year)



Grading Policy

Grading Categories:

Mus s1: Creativity & Composition

Mus s2: Musicianship

Mus s3: Applied Skills & Technical Development

Mus s4: Procedures & Practices

Mus s5: Reflection

Concerts

Monday, December 13, 2021 at 7:00pm

Advanced Winter Concert

Chorus, Advanced Orchestra, and Advanced Band

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00pm

Beginner Winter Concert

Beginner Orchestra and Beginner Band

Monday, May 16, 2022

Spring Double Concert

6:30pm - Beginner Orchestra and Beginner Band

7:15pm - Chorus, Advanced Orchestra, and Advanced Band

Band & Orchestra Schedules

- Rotating schedule - miss class as little as possible
- Two 30-minute lessons each week
- Students are responsible for knowing their schedule and arriving prepared and on time

Attendance and Preparation/Participation

- Instruments and supplies are required
- Attend all lessons, even without instrument
- Help your child develop good habits early

Practicing

- Consistency is key
- Listen to your child practice
- Ask about strategies to work on a difficult section
- Music should be repeated many times

Private Music Lessons

- Not required but highly recommended
- Howard County Parents for School Music (HCPSM) teacher list:
<https://hcpsm3.wixsite.com/music/resources>
- Contact Mrs. Jacobs, Mr. Obrigewitch, or Mrs. Sanders if you have questions

Howard County Parents for School Music (HCPSM)

- Representatives for each school
- Advocacy for music programs, like the one here at Hammond ES
- Meetings each month at various HCPSS schools
- Please contact Mrs. Jacobs, Mr. Obrigewitch, or Mrs. Sanders if you are interested in representing Hammond ES

Have Fun!

- Please pick up extra forms on your way out
- We look forward to working with everyone this year!
- Questions?