

Jolliff Middle School Orchestra: Switching to the BASS



Contacting me previously about switching to the bass or completing these forms **does not** guarantee this. Switching to the bass is limited to the first 4 (or 5 depending on availability of instruments) students who returned these forms filled out.

- ♪ Parents/guardians must have a vehicle that can **safely transport a bass** when needed. Parents/guardians will be required to pick and bring back basses for any concerts not at Jolliff.
- ♪ **All new bass students are required to attend “Bass Boot Camp”** with Mrs. Rosenberg from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. from Wednesday, September 16 through Tuesday, September 22. Parent/guardian transportation will be necessary as most school buses do not arrive until around 8:30 a.m. Please make every attempt to arrange to have your child at school by 8 a.m. for Bass Boot Camp, however, Mrs. Rosenberg can try to arrange a carpool if absolutely necessary.
- ♪ After “Bass Boot Camp,” bass players have two options for practicing. The first is **“Morning Bass Practice” at Jolliff from 8:25 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. any 3 days of the week for the year (for a practice record grade of an “A”).** Please note that parent/guardian transportation will be necessary. Additionally, students are welcome to take a school bass home on the WEEKENDS. Students could potentially practice all 3 days at home (Friday, Saturday, & Sunday).
- ♪ The second option is to rent a bass (anywhere from \$35-\$70 a month, it varies from store to store) for home practice. Mrs. Rosenberg will provide a list of music stores that rent basses.
- ♪ Materials (taken from the handbook) are listed on the back.
- ♪ Along with this form, your child must also return the CPS Instrument Check Out card.

I understand and agree to the policies above for switching to the bass. I also understand that completion of this form **does not** guarantee my child will be able to switch to this instrument.



Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Please check as appropriate (the 1st or 2nd option MUST be checked):

- _____ After Bass Boot Camp, my child will attend Morning Bass Practice and or take the bass home on weekends
- _____ After Bass Boot Camp, my child will practice at home on a rental bass
- _____ My child needs a ride to Bass Boot Camp
- _____ I can offer to carpool for Bass Boot Camp

Materials

Bass, for those renting (supplies to be kept with the home instrument)

♪ **Wooden-Colored Instrument**

- Students are provided an instrument to use at school
- Students need a home instrument & Mrs. Rosenberg will loan a tuner

♪ **Stool** (*Mrs. Rosenberg MAY be able to loan one from school*)

- Preferably without a back
- Approximately 29 inches in height

♪ **Rock Stop**

- Necessary if practicing on a hard surface (may not be needed on a carpeted surface)
- Recommended: an anchor strap that goes under a chair leg

♪ **Rosin** (*Mrs. Rosenberg sells this: \$10*)

- Must be specifically for the bass (violin/viola/cello rosin does NOT work)
- Recommended: Pops' Bass Rosin

♪ **Cleaning Cloth** (*Mrs. Rosenberg sells this: 10¢*)

- Music stores carry special clothes
- A clean rag also works well

Bass, for those NOT renting (to be kept in the orchestra room)

♪ **Rosin** (*Mrs. Rosenberg sells this: \$10*)

- Must be specifically for the bass (violin/viola/cello rosin does NOT work)
- Recommended: Pops' Bass Rosin



Jolliff Middle School Orchestra: Switching to the CELLO

Your child has expressed interest in switching to the cello.

- ♪ New cello students are required to attend “Cello Boot Camp” with Mrs. Rosenberg from 8:20 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. Friday, September 18 through Friday, September 25 (EXCLUDING Wednesday, September 23, Mrs. Rosenberg will be absent). Parent/guardian transportation will be necessary as most school buses do not arrive until around 8:30 a.m. Please make every attempt to arrange to have your child at school by 8:20 a.m. for Bass Boot Camp, however, Mrs. Rosenberg can try to arrange a carpool if absolutely necessary.
- ♪ Cello players will use a school cello at Jolliff and must rent (anywhere from \$25-\$50 a month, it varies from store to store)/buy a cello to keep at home to practice.
- ♪ Materials (taken from the handbook) are listed on the back.
- ♪ Along with this form, your child must also return the CPS Instrument Check Out card.



I understand and agree to the policies above for switching to the cello.

Student Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

_____ My child needs a ride to Cello Boot Camp

_____ I can offer to carpool for Cello Boot Camp

Materials

Cello (supplies to be kept with the home instrument)

♪ **Wooden-Colored Instrument**

- Students are provided an instrument to use at school
- Students need a home instrument that should be brought in once a month for a tuning (this counts as a participation grade)

♪ **Rock Stop**

- Necessary if practicing on a hard surface (may not be needed on a carpeted surface)
- Recommended: an anchor strap that goes under a chair leg

♪ **Rosin** (*Mrs. Rosenberg sells this: \$2*)

♪ **Cleaning Cloth** (*Mrs. Rosenberg sells this: 10¢*)

- Music stores carry special clothes
- A clean rag also works well

♪ **Extra D & A Strings** (*recommended, especially if the student has a full-size cello, although Mrs. Rosenberg sells them if a string breaks: prices vary*)