



Elementary, Middle & High School Strings Fact Sheet

What do teachers in my area need to know?

Curriculum/content, technique for playing a stringed instrument, NC Standard Course of Study

Who to contact for content staff development questions?

Staff Development Chair
Coordinating Teacher for Arts Education

Content Resources?

NC Standard Course of Study - www.ncpublicschools.org,
www.learnnc.org , www.menc.org, www.ncmea.net

What materials/equipment should be available in your building?

Chairs, Music Stands, Rehearsal Space, Music Library, and School Owned Instrument for students on Free/Reduced Lunch (limited cellos and basses)

Area Mentor/Buddy?

In School-Band/Chorus Director, Other Orchestra Directors

Instrument repair?

Instruments are repaired by a list of approved vendors. Contact Arts Education for list. Once a repair is needed, turn the instrument over to the vendor. It should be the vendor's responsibility to get approval from WCPSS Central Office before doing repairs. WCPSS central office is billed for repairs that are approved by Arts Ed. office, not the school.

Piano tuned?

Submit a work order through your school administrator for piano tuning. (See school secretary or asst. principal for facilities at your school.) If you need it tuned by a particular date, please note that on the work order.

Festivals? Contests?

See www.ncmea.net for information on contests and festivals in our area. All participating directors must be members of MENC: The National Association for Music Education and NC Music Educators Association. Contact Ed Allison, chair of the orchestra section of NCMEA, for further information at eallison@bellsouth.net

(See "Field Trips For Middle & High School Students" memo for details.)

Pieces Of Gold/Gifts Of Gold

Pieces of Gold is an auditioned showcase performance of WCPSS arts programs. Auditions are held each year (fall) for a spring performance. Contact Arts Education for more information. (See Arts Education Intranet web page for more information.)

Community Resources

United Arts Council, NC Music Educators Association, your local chamber of commerce, churches, etc.

Arts Professional organizations

MENC (Music Educators National Conference)

NCMEA (NC Music Educators Association)

ASTA with NSOA (American String Teachers Association with National School Orchestra Association)

Other

TRAVEL

Contact Sharon Davis-Stuart if you are an itinerant teacher who travels during the school day for mileage reimbursement. Form 1800 must be filled out monthly, signed, and sent to Sharon via WCPSS Courier. She needs a signed original. If you let her know, she will also e-mail you the form with current mileage rate and a sample for reference.

LEASED STRING INSTRUMENTS

At the beginning of each year, WCPSS leases stringed instruments for students who qualify for the free/reduced lunch program. Due to budget constraints, the system cannot provide each instrument that is needed throughout the district. Therefore, directors are encouraged to look into other ways of finding instruments for qualifying children to use. Early in the fall, the staff development chair will gather the lease instrument requests from directors and submit to the Arts Ed. Office with Free and Reduced Lunch Student List (which has been approved by administration or cafeteria supervisor). Once the request has been approved by Arts Education and submitted to the vendor, you will be notified when the instruments will be available to pick up. PLEASE GET RECEIPTS FOR ALL INSTRUMENTS RECEIVED AND RETURNED TO VENDOR. Directors are responsible for picking up the instruments and for returning them at the end of the school year.

STRINGS

When funds are available, the district orders strings each year to replace strings on WCPSS-owned instruments. Due to budget constraints, directors are asked not to request more strings than are needed (no back-up or rainy-day supply). The strings are only to be used on WCPSS instruments.