

The Orchestra

The **ORCHESTRA** is made up of four string instruments, the violin, viola, cello, and string bass. By signing up for Lincoln-Way Youth Strings, you can choose which one of these instruments you would like to play.

The **VIOLIN** is the smallest member of the string orchestra. It has the highest sound. It is known for its brilliant tone quality. The violin is held under the chin and parallel to the floor. There are more violins in the orchestra than any other instrument. They are divided into two sections, the first and second violins. Like all stringed instruments, there are different sizes for different sizes of students.



The **VIOLA** looks like the violin, but it is slightly larger. The instrument produces a lower sound. The tone quality is rich and mellow, less bright sounding than the violin. The viola, like the violin, is held under the chin. Good violists are always in demand in small and large performing groups.



The **CELLO** has a beautiful tone, which gives the orchestra a rich, full sound. It is tuned an octave lower and is much larger than the violin or viola. The cello, along with the bass produces the bottom sound of the orchestra. The instrument is supported by a long endpin that rests on the floor and the player always sits to play it.



The **BASS** has a deep, dark sound, which gives the orchestra a solid foundation. It is a versatile instrument, which can be used in a variety of groups, ranging from the symphony to the jazz combo. Many bass players also learn to play the electric bass! The bass is the largest member of the string family. It can be played sitting or standing.