

# Elementary Band and Strings Program

## About the Elementary Band and Strings Program

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The program provides school-based instrumental instruction to students in the intermediate grades (Grades 5 - 7 for Band and Grades 4 - 7 for Strings).

The Elementary Band and Strings program is one of the finest instrumental programs in British Columbia and complements the BC Ministry of Education's Arts Education curriculum.



## Registration Details

Registration for Elementary Band and Strings Program for the 2020/21 school year starts on January 22, 2020.

The Elementary Band and Strings program is not part of the regular school curriculum and is funded by registration fees.

## Payments and Fees

Payment can be made in a single payment or instalments through School Cash Online.

**If you register in January 2020 with the Early Bird Rate, your payments from February 1 - September 1, 2020 will be under \$60 per month.**

For more information and to register, please visit:  
[www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings](http://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings)

  
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## 2020 – 2021

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This program is one of British Columbia's finest and has been made possible over the years through the direct support of a large number of dedicated parents/guardians, staff, and administrators.

The Elementary Band and Strings program complements the BC Ministry of Education's Arts Education curriculum. Involvement in an instrumental music program can benefit children's academic and social-emotional development, and provides an opportunity to develop a child's musicianship and creativity (Hallam, S. 2016). Classes are held twice a week.

A preliminary schedule should be available in June. As a participant in the program, students commit to attending all classes, rehearsals, and concerts.

### About the Band Program

Elementary Band is offered for students in grades 5 to 7 on-site at all elementary schools in North Vancouver, with the exception of Norgate, Queen Mary and Westview.

Children from **all schools** are welcome to register for Band. If Band is not offered at your child's school, you may choose to attend at another school or receive a full refund prior to the start of instruction.

Transportation to and from Band is the responsibility of parents.

### About the Strings Program

Strings instruction is open to all students in grades 4-7. Strings classes are offered at the following schools: Braemar, Canyon Heights, Cleveland, Dorothy Lynas, Highlands, Larson, Montroyal, Ross Road, and Seymour Heights.

Students from schools other than those listed above are welcome to join Strings, but will have to travel to one of the schools offering the program. Transportation to and from Strings instruction is the responsibility of parents.

The Band and Strings program offers a wonderful opportunity for students to receive instrumental instruction in a group setting, and represents the start of an exciting musical journey that they can follow through to the end of their secondary school years.



### Instruments

In September, students are required to provide an instrument and purchase a method book. A limited number of instruments are available with a user fee of \$100 or \$150 through NVSD's instrument room. A damage deposit of \$100 is also required. You may also choose to rent from local music stores. Further information will be provided by the school Band and/or Strings teacher and is available on the website: [sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings](https://www.sd44.ca/ProgramsServices/BandStrings)

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#### **Early Bird Registration Fees for 2020/2021:**

January 22 – April 14, 2020 - \$470

#### **Full Registration Fees for 2020/2021:**

April 15 – Sept 30, 2020 - \$500

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### Withdrawals & Refunds

All requests for refunds must be done in writing by completing a withdrawal form and submitting it to your child's school office. Withdrawal forms are available on the school district website.

Full refunds will be processed until June 15, 2020. After June 15, a \$75.00 non-refundable fee will be charged. **No refunds will be issued after September 30, 2020.**

