

## Strings

### **Grades**

7-12

### **Textbook**

Sheet music provided by teacher

### **Prerequisites**

One year previous experience or weekly private lessons required

### **Course Description**

Strings students will improve their skills through regular practice at home and school rehearsals in preparation for the concert each semester. The music we perform will reflect the classical tradition of CLS together with new genres from other time periods. Along the way we will learn all that goes into being a successful musician – musicality, theory, proficiency, and smart practice habits. Students will be graded on their practice records, participation, monthly skill assessments appropriate for their level, and concert participation.

### **Course Objectives**

1. Students will perform string orchestra music of various genres and periods.
2. Students will gain proficiency on their instrument through developing good practice and rehearsal skills.
3. Students will gain knowledge in music theory and note-reading.
4. Students will learn how to play musically and as an ensemble under the direction of a conductor.
5. Students will understand rehearsal and concert etiquette.
6. Students will gain solo and ensemble performance experience.

### **Course Sequence**

Each class will involve a warm-up (scales) and rehearsal for concert.

### **Evaluation**

1. *Participation.* Students must bring their instrument, music, and pencil to every rehearsal.
2. *Assessments.* Students will perform occasional playing and scale tests as a practice check.
3. *Performances.* These include the winter and spring concerts and other performances as scheduled.