

# TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY STRING PROJECT

## 2024-25 Program Information

### **About Our Programs**

The Texas State String Project is a community outreach program of the Texas State University School of Music. Classes and lessons are taught by Texas State string music majors under the guidance and supervision of Texas State University String Faculty. This enables us to offer high-quality string instruction at very low tuition rates.

We offer instruction in violin, viola, cello and bass. Students must provide their own instruments. We strongly recommend renting before purchasing – sizes can change quickly as children grow, and many shops have rent-to-own policies so that your rental investment applies to eventual purchase. Be sure to work with a reputable instrument shop to be sure you have a quality instrument in the correct size for your child. The Texas State String Project has a limited number of instruments for rental at low rates, on a first-come, first served basis.

All activities take place on campus, at the Texas State University School of Music. Parents of elementary students should remain on campus with your child and observe their classes and lessons so that you can help them practice at home. Parents of older children may arrange to drop off and pick up your child but do so at your own risk.

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### **Bobcat Beginners**

Ages: 5 – 12 years

Cost: \$240 per semester (includes private lessons and group classes)

Designed for Elementary students (grades K-5), this comprehensive string education program utilizes both group class and private lesson instruction to take the young player from beginner through their first youth orchestra experience.

Our younger beginner (grades K-2) features two levels of Suzuki-style single-instrument classes encouraging aural learning and physical coordination through listening and repetition. Grade K-2 students may choose violin, viola or cello.

Our older beginner program (grades 3-5) offers a more traditional “school orchestra-style” environment with all instruments together. Grade 3-5 students may choose violin, viola, cello or bass.

### **Ensembles for Intermediate Players**

Grades: 4-8 (with at least one year playing experience)

Cost: \$240 per semester (includes group class and 30-minute private lessons)

Area students with previous string experience are invited to join the Texas State String Project orchestra program, participating in weekly rehearsals and performing at public concerts. These ensembles are designed for students in grades 4-8 who are already part of their school's orchestra program (if one exists) and wish to improve their skills and have another orchestra outlet or are continuing from the regular String Project program. Admission requirements are:

**Maroon Orchestra:** Members have a minimum of one year playing experience. Students have a solid foundation of posture and basic playing. This group works to further develop technique while introducing the skills needed to play in orchestra such as: reading notation, following a conductor, rehearsal etiquette, and playing in an ensemble where different players have different parts.

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### **For More Advanced Players**

Cost: \$280 per semester (includes weekly rehearsal and 45-minute private lessons)

**Gold Orchestra:** Members typically have two or more years of experience. Gold is our most advanced group and operates as a youth orchestra. Members are expected to apply their skills to learn individual parts through at-home practice, so that weekly rehearsal can primarily consist of group rehearsal and ensemble skills.

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### **Private Lesson Program**

Grades: 5-12

Time: 30-minute, 45-minute, or 60-minute lessons, scheduled individually

Dates: Follow Texas State University semesters

Cost: \$160, \$210 or \$260 per semester, depending on lesson length

Area students are invited to take private lessons through the Texas State String Project. Lessons are packaged by the semester, with 10 lessons scheduled individually with your assigned instructor. The private lessons program (no group classes) are ideal for local school orchestra students looking for affordable access to private instruction, and String Project students who have aged out of group classes.

**NOTE: The Texas State String Project supports public string education. To participate in String Project, you must also be enrolled in your public school string program, if one exists. This applies to all ensembles and private lessons.**

**Additional Costs:**

Instruments: Families are responsible for providing and maintaining instruments. We recommend renting instruments from one of our local and reputable shops. The Texas State String Project also provides rental instruments for a \$100 refundable deposit and rental fee of \$60-80 per semester (depending on the instrument).

Parking: Families may park in the garage by the music building on weekdays after 5PM and on weekends.

Annual Permit: \$115. Purchase from the Texas State Parking Office (cheapest option)

Pay-per-visit: \$5 per visit through the AMP app.

**2024-25 Year-at-a-Glance**

Dates: Fall Semester: September 4 – November 20 / Fall Concert – Wednesday, November 20

Spring Semester: January 22 – April 26 / Spring Concert – Wednesday, April 26 (TBC)

Times: Wednesdays, 5:30-6:45pm. (Private lessons scheduled individually)

Additional optional performances at community events and locations will be communicated as they arise throughout the school year.

Please visit <http://music.txstate.edu/stringproject> for more information. You may also contact our office at [stringproject@txstate.edu](mailto:stringproject@txstate.edu).