



STRINGS MUSIC Audition Requirements Current Grade 8 Students 2024-2025

Audition Format: in person audition at
Eastwood Collegiate 760 Weber St. East Kitchener, Ontario*

**If you require a virtual audition for any reason, please contact the [Arts Registrar](#)*

The Strings Program at Eastwood offers students the chance to continue to play a string instrument in a primarily large group setting with some focus on solos and small ensembles. In this program, students will build their musical skills, develop music-reading skills, and perform in concerts and other musical events.

***Instruments you can choose from:**

Violin Viola Cello String Bass

**If you need to borrow an instrument from our music department, please contact the [Arts Registrar](#)*

*GUITAR: Due to how our strings classes run, you will not be able to play guitar in Strings class. You must choose another string instrument to learn in class, and **you will be scheduled as a beginner to learn the technique**. If you want to audition on guitar to demonstrate musicianship, please play a solo that shows your musical ability. There may be opportunities to play guitar during extra-curricular groups (jazz, Fiddle group), and in senior recording classes.*

The Audition

You will be invited to a 10 minute audition live at Eastwood. Here is what to expect:

1. Strings Solo

You will be asked to perform a solo on your string instrument that shows your current musical level. Choose a piece that you enjoy and are confident playing. Make sure that the solo is **not** part of something you are playing in a class or group, and is written for your instrument. *All presentations must be appropriate for a school environment.*

All forms of music are allowed! [If you are stuck for ideas, choose one of the solos provided on the IAP website.](#)

2. Scale

You will be asked to play a scale up and down on your instrument. Choose a scale that shows your current playing level.

3. Musicianship

You will be asked to do some of the following exercises during your audition (no need to prepare)

- Rhythm clapback
- Melody playback or sing back
- Sight reading

4. Interview

You will be asked some of the following questions during your audition

- What first got you interested in music?
- How would you describe the music that you typically perform, listen to, or create?
- Describe a musical memory.
- Who inspires you to play music?

Prepare Ahead of Time

- Solo on your string instrument of choice*
- Play a Scale on your instrument*

How to Practise

- Pick music that shows what you can do as a musician
- Play as musically as you can
- Practise performing your solo and your scale for friends and family
- Bring an extra copy of your sheet music to share with the teacher