



STRINGS MUSIC Audition Requirements Current High School 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, please play a solo that shows your musical ability. There are opportunities to play guitar during extra-curricular groups (jazz, Fiddle group), and in senior recording classes.*

The Audition

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
- Students entering grade 10 are expected to be able to read music, identify key signatures, and play several major scales.
- Students entering Grade 11 or 12 are expected to read music, understand key signatures, and intervals and be able to play several major and minor scales before beginning class.

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