

# Introduction to the Violin

*Offered by the Frederick String Initiative*



This introductory class for students in grades 2-5 is taught by William Stapp. The class is open to home school students and any student in the Frederick area. It will give your child the opportunity to explore the rewarding world of the violin without the initial commitment of private lessons. Students will begin building a solid technical foundation to aid them in reaching an educational standard. In the spirit of traditional European and Suzuki violin study, parent involvement is very important. Daily practicing with an emphasis on good form is key to success. Students will have access to videos and handouts to aid in home practicing. At the last class, students will hold a short 'work in progress' performance. After this introductory class, students who decide to continue the violin are encouraged to explore private lessons.

**Enrollment:** Parents must register their child using the registration form on the FSI website ([frederickviolinlessons.com](http://frederickviolinlessons.com)). Enrollment is on a first come first serve basis and parents must agree to the rules in this class description. The deadline for registration and receipt of the class fee of \$175 is January 21, 2020.

**Class Information:** Classes will be held on Tuesdays 1:00 - 1:50pm. They will run weekly from February 4, 2020 till May 19 (snow day May 26). The minimum enrollment is 4 and the maximum is 6. Parents are encouraged to participate in some or all of the classes at no extra cost. They are welcome to bring a violin and learn with their child. Teacher absences will be made-up or refunded. Student absences will not be made-up. One snow day will be made up.

**Class Fee:** \$175 (14 classes @ \$12.50 per class). **Class Fee and Registration is due by January 21, 2020.** Students must commit to the entire semester - early withdrawals will not receive a refund. Students may pay on the FSI website via paypal.

**Violin Rental Fee:** \$50 for the 4 months of class (\$75 with instrument insurance). Students will be renting a quality Eastman violin with dominant strings and custom chin rest. This instrument represents a baseline quality necessary for beginning study. Parents are strongly cautioned against buying a violin online. If you already have a violin that is comparable to an Eastman model 80 or better that is in good repair, let us know right away. Please understand that many violins end up needing strings and repairs which could easily surpass \$100. Students and parents will arrange to meet with Mr. Stapp in January to be measured for the correct violin size. After this, students will be notified when their violin is ready for pick-up. Please note that the rental fee will be due when you pick up the violin.

**Total Cost:** \$225 for 14 weekly classes (\$250 with instrument insurance).