

Deerlake Middle School Orchestra
School Instrument Usage Contract

School Year _____ Student _____ Grade _____

Circle One: Violin Viola Cello Bass

Deerlake Number _____ Manufacturer _____ Serial Number _____

School instruments may not be taken home without permission from the director. The privilege of using a school instrument will be revoked if a student is observed to be mistreating an instrument or treating it carelessly.

A new instrument is not necessarily better than an older instrument. As long as the instrument is made properly with quality materials and is set up properly, an older instrument is fine.

Please understand that stringed instruments will last for a long time, but they are very fragile. Since we want to use these instruments for many years to come, we must set some guidelines for care and use. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

By signing this form:

1. You are taking responsibility for the care of the instrument and bow which are assigned to you.

Please follow these guidelines for the care of your instrument:

- Wipe rosin from your instrument with a soft cloth.
- Never touch the bow hair with your hands.
- Do not hit anything with the tip of the bow.
- Loosen the bow hair after every use to prevent warping of the stick.
- Tighten the bow the same amount every time before playing. Make sure your bow has a "smile".

Special to Violins and Violas:

- Always lay the case flat before opening it.
- Never place the instrument on the floor or other surfaces without its case.
- Place a cloth over your instrument before closing the case.
- Never force the case closed. If it won't close, look for obstructions and ask for help.
- Be sure to latch the case.

Special to Cellos and Bases:

- Please carry the instrument correctly. Your teacher will show you how.
 - Never lean the instrument against the wall.
 - Never leave your instrument where others may trip over or step on it.
2. **You are agreeing to be responsible for the expense of any repairs which must be made upon the instrument as a result of improper use or accident.** Please do not attempt to repair the instrument. Tell your teacher if something needs to be fixed.

I understand and agree to the responsibilities associated with the usage of a Deerlake Orchestra instrument.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____