

Policy on Cello Use at the High School

We are fortunate to have a district that provides instruments for our cellists to use. I know that you are grateful you don't need to carry your instrument back and forth every day.

Because repairs are costly, yet necessary to the continued use of the instruments, I offer the following options to encourage good stewardship of our district's instruments.

You may choose to bring your own instrument to school, and may even leave it in our instrument room (at your own risk). You may also choose to use a school instrument, but understand that any damage that occurs on that assigned instrument will be your responsibility.

I will take a picture of the instrument to which you are assigned to ensure that you are not held liable for any previous damage. It will be important that all of us be respectful of our classmates' instruments and only use the instrument you are assigned.

At the High School under my direction, we have never broken a cello. I am confident that we can continue this track record and maintain our district instruments for many years to come!

A few simple guidelines will help minimize risk of damage, and will help preserve the value of each instrument:

1. No cello should ever be left on the floor before, during, or after rehearsal. ***Any student who puts a cello on the floor will not be allowed to use a school instrument for the remainder of the year.***
2. Students will retrieve their instruments from the instrument room in pairs.
3. While rehearsing, be careful to hold your cello in one hand and your bow in the other. This keeps the bow from scratching the top of the cello.