

Non-Program Loan Policy

Peninsula Community Youth Orchestra

2025-2026

Children not in our program may check out an instrument (if one is available) in their size to use at school or in private lessons, with their school teacher or private teacher as a sponsor. We always recommend students consider renting from The Violin Shop if they are able and he has the instrument in stock.

Because our PCYO tuition isn't enough to even cover maintenance on students' own instruments, and instrument purchase and maintenance is usually funded through donations and fundraisers, we need to charge children not in our program borrowing instruments a small monthly maintenance fee to ensure we can upkeep the loaned out instrument.

That fee is designed to be enough to cover new strings appropriate to the instrument yearly or bi-yearly and a bow re-hair yearly or bi-yearly. It is different for every instrument as different instruments use different kind or quality of strings. Generally this fee is between \$10 and \$20 dollars per month.

This fee is not sufficient to cover major repairs. We ask parents and children to be very careful with their instruments and carefully follow and learn the points in our [Instrument Care Handbook](#). If students break or damage their violin or viola per the local luthier's estimate, we may charge for his repair fees up to \$200 as necessary to ensure the instrument can be loaned out again or that we can replace it.

Please note that cellos have a special loan policy and you should [refer to that document](#) for the details.

Examples

Viola

Strings: [D'Addario Prelude](#): \$37

re-hairing viola bow: roughly \$73

$\$100 * 0.75 = \75 per year

Violin

strings: [D'Addario Prelude](#): \$21

re-hairing violin bow: roughly \$73

$\$94 * 0.75 = \70.50 per year

Cello maintenance rates are discussed individually with parents. Even for a cello, no student will pay more than \$40 per month, and in most cases we can loan out cellos for \$15-20 per month and keep them in good repair.

To summarize the above for violins and violas, the monthly fee to borrow one of our student quality adult-sized violas and keep its bow in good condition would be \$7.50 per month assuming you return it in June. (if you borrow it over the summer there will be no additional fee until September.) For a violin it's \$7.00. Those fees would be paid in Jovial.

If you'd like to borrow an instrument, email registrar@sequimcommunityorchestra.org with what you need, and they will work out a fee schedule for your instrument.

If you cannot afford the above monthly fees, please request an instrument anyway and the registrar will discuss options with you and your teacher to ensure we may keep the instrument in good condition.