

SUZUKI STRINGS SUPPLY LIST

Essentials – To bring to the first lesson:

1. A properly sized violin, viola, or cello (**Important: consult with teacher to size your child**)
2. [Rosin](#) (Hill's dark or light is best, but you can find some brands for as little as \$2.50 a cake)
3. [Suzuki Tape or CD, Volume 1](#) of the instrument studied (Suzuki Book 1 also recommended)
4. [Binder/Folder](#) to store all notes, practice records, handouts and music
5. [A foam shoulder rest and rubber bands, or a *Kun* shoulder rest](#) or similar contoured shoulder rest

Optional, but recommended

1. Spare A & E string.
2. Violin Pitch-pipe (for tuning) or an inexpensive electronic [chromatic tuner](#) (recommended for the parent who thinks he's tone-deaf)
3. [Suzuki Tape or CD, Volumes 2, 3, and 4](#)
4. For students in Book 2 and beyond: a [metronome](#)
5. [Folding music stand](#) for home use and later for orchestra

Recommended sources of violins

- For good quality and *lowest priced violins, cases, shoulder rests, Suzuki materials, music, tuners, rosin, strings and more*, discount online and mail order catalogues are your best source (the first five listings below are the most comprehensive):
 - [The Luthier Violin Shop](#) (www.luthiershop.com)
 - Shar Products (www.sharmusic.com) 1-800-248-SHAR
 - [The String Centre](#) (a division of www.wbw.com) 1-866-849-3477
 - Southwest Strings (www.swstrings.com) 1-800-528-3430
 - Young Musicians (www.ymonline.com) 1-800-826-8648
 - Johnson String Instruments (www.johnson-inst.com). Nice web-site, good source for higher-end violins and bows; they rent, too 1-800-359-9351
- **Local source for violin purchase and repairs:**
 - [The Luthier Violin Shop](#) (www.luthiershop.com)
2201 Moseley Road, Aubrey, TX 76227
Ph. (940) 365-2309
Fax (940) 365-9528
 - [Williamson Music Company](#) (www.williamsonmusicco.com)
701 East Plano Parkway, Suite 414, Plano, TX 75074-6757
Ph. (972) 633-8203;
Fax (972) 424-6540
 - [Brook Mays Music Company](#) (www.brookmays.com)
5756 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX 75240
Ph. (972) 233-9633;
Fax (972) 233-1857
- **Local source for Suzuki books, tapes, CD's, shoulder rests:**
 - [Brook Mays Music Company](#) (see above)

Note: Before you purchase an instrument

Prices for low-end student violins have come down recently--but not all these instruments have adequate tone, stay in tune, or play easily. Most of the catalogue companies listed above will allow you to try several instruments and ship back whichever your teacher disapproves.