



American String Teachers Association
Certificate Program for Strings

Dear Parents,

I would like to acquaint you with the Certificate Program for Strings, a new program of The American String Teachers Association that is now available in our state.

The Certificate Program for Strings is a graded examination program in eleven levels for string students which measures technical progress and musical development. Upon successful completion of the once-yearly exam, a student is awarded a Certificate of Achievement by ASTA, the nation's largest organization for string teachers.

Over the next several months, your child and I will prepare one or more pieces, scales, an etude, and hone sight-reading skills for his performance before an examiner from whom he will receive reinforcing and constructive comments. The examiners are musicians who are knowledgeable, highly experienced teachers.

I would like my students to participate because I feel that the work that goes into preparation and the feedback from the examiner are invaluable to each player. Opportunities such as these examinations provide a goal to strive for and an occasion for every student to shine in a noncompetitive environment. They also lead to more success at youth orchestra auditions, festivals and recitals.

The completed application form and the application fee for each student will be due about one month prior to the examinations.

I am pleased to offer this opportunity to my students, as we work towards higher levels of achievement in making beautiful music. Please call if you have any questions.

Yours cordially,