

String Selection

Strings should be chosen based on tone, bow response, and compatibility with instrument and student level. Beginner strings are designed to help students achieve sound easily and build the fundamentals of good string playing.

- Often, beginning students start out on steel core strings which provide durability and longevity at a lower price. Steel core strings stretch less than synthetic core strings, providing better pitch stability and a longer lifespan. However, their lower elasticity will limit the tonal range, giving steel core strings a more narrowly focused sound.
- Strings deteriorate over time due to corrosion, residue build-up, and wear. This will cause the string to be less uniform and more dampened in tone, leading to problems with intonation, bow response, and a dead sound. Encourage students to clean their strings regularly for maximum longevity.
- Changing strings at regular intervals and keeping instruments in good shape will ensure the most optimal sound and playing experience for your students. We recommend string changes and instrument check-ups at least once per year.

Suggested D'Addario strings

Beginner:



Prelude – steel core



Ascenté – synthetic core

Intermediate/Advanced:



Helicore – stranded steel core



Pro-Arté – synthetic core



Zyex – synthetic core