

# Elementary Mariachi Academy

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**Courses:** Melodia (Melody)  
Instruments: Violin

Armonia (Rhythm)  
Instruments: Guitar Vihuela Guitaron



## Course Scope:

Each one-year course is designed for any 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade elementary student who is interested in developing the ability to play guitar, vihuela, guitaron or violin. The emphasis will be on having fun by playing and singing Mariachi music for your friends and family members.

The courses will focus on the basic fundamental techniques of playing an instrument, reading music, and singing. Students will demonstrate mastery of their skills throughout the year during in class performances and public concerts. Students will focus on developing a characteristic tone and style consistent with each instrument and song. Each course may be repeated and is considered a preparatory course for progression into one of the Mariachi performing ensembles.

This is a program where students will meet with the instructor during regular class time two times a week for 30 minutes. Students are responsible for any work missed during class-time and must maintain passing grades to participate.

Students currently participating in each course are eligible to participate in either the Beginning or Advanced Mariachi Performing Ensembles.

## NORTHAM Weekly Class Times:

Monday	1:00pm – 1:30pm	Melodia (Violin)
	1:30pm – 2:00pm	Armonia (Guitar, Vihuela, Guitaron)
Wednesday	12:30pm – 1:30pm	Melodia (Violin)
Thursday	11:30a.m. – 12:00pm	Armonia (Guitar, Vihuela, Guitaron)

## HURLEY Weekly Class Times:

Wednesday	1:30pm – 2:00pm	Melodia (Violin)
	2:00pm – 2:30pm	Armonia (Guitar, Vihuela, Guitaron)
Friday	1:30pm – 2:00pm	Melodia (Violin)
	2:00pm – 2:30pm	Armonia (Guitar, Vihuela, Guitaron)

## VILLACORTA Weekly Class Times:

Tuesday	11:30am – 12:00pm	Melodia (Violin)
	12:00pm – 12:30pm	Armonia (Guitar, Vihuela, Guitaron)
Thursday	1:30pm – 2:00pm	Melodia (Violin)
	2:00pm – 2:30pm	Armonia (Guitar, Vihuela, Guitaron)





## **Supplies and Instruments**

There are a limited amount of RUSD instruments for students to use. Students will be issued instruments based on their participation in rehearsals and classes. Instruments will be available for students to use during class but may not be able to be taken home each day. An annual \$50.00 donation per instrument is requested to help maintain/repair the instruments. Students and parents should ask Mr. Gonzales or Mr. Talavera for recommendations when purchasing an instrument. Renting instruments is recommended as the students are growing. The size of each student determines the size of the instrument they should use. Students should also have a soft cloth in their case to wipe off and polish the instrument after each rehearsal.

### **Book**

The students will be using the ¡ Simplemente Mariachi ! Book 1 for violin, guitar, vihuela or guitarron for practice and class. The books may be purchased at Singer Music in Hacienda Heights or Sam Ash in the City of Industry.

### **Performance Ensemble Rehearsals**

**Tuesday & Thursday 3:00 – 5:00pm at Hurley Elementary School**

**\*\*\*Rehearsals will begin on September 22nd\*\*\***

Students interested in participating in the performing ensembles must commit to attending all rehearsals and performances throughout the year. The performing ensembles play at many different district and community events throughout the year.

Students may be divided into two performing groups by skill level and instrumentation in order to create balanced performing groups.

Students who would like to participate in the performing groups must enroll in the weekly pullout program at their school to learn the basic fundamentals of performing on each instrument and reading music.



### **Trajes / Concert Attire**

There is a limited number of District owned Trajes available for performing students.

If a student is not assigned a full Traje they will need to wear black dress pants, white button up, collared long sleeve shirt, black boots and a mono .

Full Trajes will be assigned to students who demonstrate a positive attitude, work ethic and commitment to the program by attending all rehearsals and performances. Getting to wear a full Traje is an honor that will be earned by each student.



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## APPLICATION FOR ELEMENTARY MARIACHI ACADEMY

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Rm #: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Initial)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to be a parent volunteer?  Yes  No

Program: (Select one)  Beginning Mariachi  Intermediate Mariachi

Did you participate in the Mariachi program last year?  Yes  No

**Please check one instrument student would like to play:**

Violin  Guitar  Vihuela  Guitaron

**Do you need an instrument?**  Yes  No

**Photo Release:** Some of the performances throughout the year are photographed and/or video taped, and may be published on our website or the RUSD Instrumental Music Facebook page. Please let us know if we may include photos or videos that may include your child. Names are never associated with the photos.

Yes, I give permission for my child to be photographed and/or video taped.

No, I do not give permission for my child to be photographed or video taped.

### **Student Behavior Contract**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to work hard be nice and to follow the instructions of any teacher or adult helping with Mariachi. I will do my very best to attend all rehearsals and performances. I will have a positive attitude and will cooperate with other students. Each student plays a very important role in the performance ensemble. I will respect other student's hard work and commitment.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN APPLICATION TO YOUR CHILD'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.**