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### What Size Instrument?

Violins and violin -family instruments come in smaller sizes to make it easier for children to learn to play. An instrument that is too big can be nearly impossible to play, while one too small may not produce the best tone and technique. Determining the size of the instrument is easy!

1. Follow the recommendation of your child's orchestra director or private teacher first!
2. With the left arm fully extended, palm up, and a yardstick under the chin to simulate a violin, record the measurement in the center of the palm. At this point you don't want any slack in the arm, the measurement below will indicate the correct size of the instrument with a proper bend in the elbow.

### Violin & Viola Sizing Chart

From	Up To	Violin	Viola
Under 14"		1/32 size	-
14"	15 3/8"	1/16 size	-
15 3/8"	16 7/8"	1/10 size	-
17"	18 1/2"	1/8 size	-
18 1/2"	20 3/8"	1/4 size	11" size
20 3/8"	22 1/4"	1/2 size	12" size
22 1/4"	23 5/8"	3/4 size	13" size
23 5/8"	Or more	4/4 size	14" size
24 7/8"	25 5/8"	-	15" size
25 7/8"	26 3/8"	-	15 1/2" size
26 3/8"	27 1/8"	-	16" size
27 1/4"	Or more	-	16 1/4" or larger

Please remember, it is easier to learn on an instrument that is a little too small than one that is too big!

***Cassandra Strings*** is available to inspect your instrument, and help with sizing and other questions, free of charge. We offer great rental rates and trade up plans for every level of player