

GUIDE TO CLASS LEVELS FOR CELLOBRATION 2010

Students must have all of the skills listed for a given level in order to be in that level.

Level 1

- Playing cello for 2 years or less
- Play in First Position only (no extensions are required)
- May play only on D and A strings
- Music reading is not required

Level 2

- Play on all strings
- Use extensions in First Position
- Play 2-note slurs on the same string as well as on string crossings, and able to use more of the bow
- Play in the keys of D, G, C, F
- Must be able to read music

Level 3

- Play in and shift between First, Second, Third, Fourth and Half Positions on all strings, including the backward and forward extensions
- Bow 4-note slurs, and use the entire length of the bow
- Play in the major keys of D, G, C, F, B \flat , A and in the minor keys of a, d, and g

Level 4

- Play in and shift in all positions from Half Position through Seventh Position on all strings, including the backward and forward extensions
- Bow 8-note slurs, and use the entire length of bow
- Play with controlled off-string bowing, including *staccato* and *spiccato*
- Play in the octave thumb position
- Read tenor clef
- Play double stops
- Use vibrato
- Play in major and minor keys through four sharps and flats
- Play in simple and compound meters, and in changing meters

Level 5

- All of the skills listed for Level 4 (see above)
- Read treble clef in addition to tenor clef
- Previous inclusion in High School Regional Orchestra and/or High School All-State Orchestra *or upon the recommendation of student's private teacher*