

## Julia Chandler, Violin and Viola Instructor

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Julia started playing the violin at 10 years old, and in her pre collegiate years she studied with David Strassberg of the Union Symphony Orchestra and Kathy Jarrell of the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra. She attended Appalachian State University, graduating Sum Cum Laude with her degree in Music Education with a Certificate in Violin Performance in May 2023. She primarily studied Violin and Chamber Music under Dr. Nancy Bargerstock, and spent a few semesters studying Viola and Chamber Music under Dr. Eric Koontz. While in college she taught Violin and Viola lessons through the Community Music School attached to the Hayes School of Music.

Julia has spent many hours in public schools working with students from 6-18 years old, not only building upon their musical ability, but helping to foster a love for music. She believes it's important for students to pursue music they are excited about, while also incorporating practice in fundamental technique and music theory. She hopes to guide students down the path of not only becoming well rounded musicians, but also insightful and passionate people.

Julia has a deep love for orchestral and chamber music, and considers the best part of playing an instrument the ability to connect with others. While classically trained, she enjoys playing pop, rock, and fiddle styles as well, often using these styles at weddings, churches, or other private event type gigs. Julia is currently the Strings Teacher at Greenway Park Elementary, and a member of the American Strings Teacher Association.