

Books and Accessories Needed

Band Instruments: Accent on Achievement – Book 1

Folding Music Stand for home practice
½ inch black binder for Adv. Band students

Flute:

Cleaning rod
Cotton Cloth
Hard Carrying case
Pencil

Clarinets:

Cleaning Swab
Cork Grease
4 Reeds (size 2-beg., 2 ½ -adv.)
Hard Carrying case
Pencil

Saxophone:

Cleaning Swab
Cork Grease
Neck Strap
4 Reeds (size 2-beg., 2 ½ -adv.)
Hard Carrying case
Pencil

Percussion:

Drum Practice pad (at least 8")
Pair of Drum sticks (size 5B)
Recommended: Snare Drum
Recommended: Bell Set
Pencil

Trumpet:

Valve oil
Tuning slide grease
Mouthpiece
Cotton cloth
Hard Carrying case
Pencil

Trombone:

Slide Oil
Tuning slide grease
Mouthpiece
Cotton cloth
Hard Carrying case
Pencil

String Instruments:

Essential Elements 2000 for Strings – Book 1 (Beg. and Adv.)
Folding Music Stand for home practice

Violin and Cello

Rosin
Shoulder Rest
Violin Bow
Soft Cloth
Carrying case
Pitch pipe
½-inch black binder
pencil

How do I get an instrument?

The music staff strongly recommends that you RENT, not purchase, an instrument for your student at the beginning stages of their training.

Parents are encouraged to rent a quality instrument from a local music store that plays in tune and is serviceable by a local music store. Discount stores and Internet purchases often result in more problems than necessary.

An instrument repair shop should check family instrument "hand-me-downs". Instrument problems are not always visible and students become discouraged by instruments that appear fine, but have problems that are not visible. String instruments need to be sized to the student.

List of local music stores in the area to assist you:

Danville Music 743-0898
3 Railroad Ave., Danville

House of Woodwinds 831-8341
2205 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon

A & G Music (510) 832-0381
564 - 14th Street, Oakland

Best Musical Instrument Co. (510) 832-2024
1716 Broadway, Oakland

C & L Music 686-6122
2395 Monument Blvd., Concord

Campana Music 284-4624
990-A Moraga Rd., Lafayette

Forrests Music (510) 845-7178
1849 University Ave., Berkeley

Ifshin Violin (510) 843-5486
1633 University Ave., Berkeley

Ingram & Brauns Musik Shoppe 462-3667
3160 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton

Outlining Goals of the Instrumental Music Program

Our overall goal is to provide positive growth for all students through the study of music.

We provide a music study program, which will teach all students to:

- Enjoy working with others
- Develop individual skills for social life
- Experience the thrill of playing well with and for others
- Understand and meet the requirements for the National Standards for Arts Education in Music

Pupil growth through music will be gained by learning to:

- Concentrate on the job at hand
- Play an instrument in class
- Prepare for lessons at home
- Listen to the playing of others
- Develop a musical ear
- Develop rhythmic and melodic feeling
- Play individually and in groups at school, home and in the community
- Accept criticism by teachers, parents, classmates and the public
- Find satisfaction through music activities

How Parents Can Help

At home:

- Show interest in what the student is studying
- Provide a good-quality instrument
- Give praise and encouragement
- Arrange a regular time for practice — 15 to 30 minutes a day is better than longer amounts of time every few days
- Find a quiet place for your child to practice without interruptions
- Provide an adjustable-height music stand
- Help and support practice
- Never make fun of strange sounds made in the beginning
- Help keep a daily record of practice time
- Provide a safe place to keep the instrument
- Keep the instrument in good repair
- Help the student to be on time for class and performances
- Encourage the student to play for others
- Encourage listening to professional musicians through sharing videos online, listening to recordings, attending local concerts

At school:

- Keep a record of the student's various music activities
- Notify the director if the student is going to be absent
- Make sure your child takes his/her instrument and other music items to school on lesson or rehearsal days
- Teach punctuality
- Be sure all other classroom studies are accomplished
- Visit rehearsals and lessons occasionally
- Discuss with the director unique needs or characteristics of the student
- Attend all concerts and parent meetings
- Help with parent activities
- Advocate for music education in the schools

