

Instrument Rental/Purchase Information



Students in the Harrison String Program must have:

- *An appropriately sized instrument and bow of good quality and condition*
- *Rosin*
- *Rockstops/Straps (Cello and Bass only)*
- *Shoulder Rest or Shoulder Sponge (Violin and Viola only)*
- *Music stand for home practice*

Sizing

Please make sure your child gets an appropriate sized instrument. Stores that rent and sell instruments will be able to assist with proper sizing. *See list on back.*

Renting vs. Purchasing

Your child will not be ready for a full size instrument. For smaller size instruments it may be best to rent. The advantages of renting are that the instruments are good quality, repairs are covered, and many instrument shops offer rent-to-own programs where the payments you make apply to purchasing an instrument later.

Quality Matters

The quality of the instrument is very important to your child's experience and success! As your child becomes more advanced, the limitations of the instrument become more prevalent. For example, low quality instruments may not stay in tune, or the action (string height) may be too high or low and uncomfortable to play. Also, the sound of a nicer instrument is going to be more resonant and pleasant to listen to and create music on. Similar to using good sports equipment or shoes, comfort and performance are affected by the instrument that you choose.

Other Considerations

Not all instrument distributors offer the same services and benefits. When purchasing an instrument, look for stores that offer warranties and coverage on their instruments. Like a good car company, stores that deal with good quality instruments will back up their products and want you to be happy with the service you received.

*Flip this page for a list of local stores and online sources that are recommended for their knowledge of and commitment to high quality instruments. **If you have any questions or want further guidance please do not hesitate to contact your child's orchestra teacher!***



Sources for quality string instruments and service

Local Sources

Atelier

403 E. Putnam Avenue
Cos Cob, CT 06807
(203) 661-9500
www.atelierconstantinpopescu.com

DZ Strad

60 S Lexington Ave
White Plains, NY 10606
(914) 831-7415
<https://dzstrad.com/>

Music and Arts Centers

604 Mamaroneck Ave.
Mamaroneck, NY 10543
(914) 381-5205
www.musicarts.com

Ardsley Musical Instrument Service

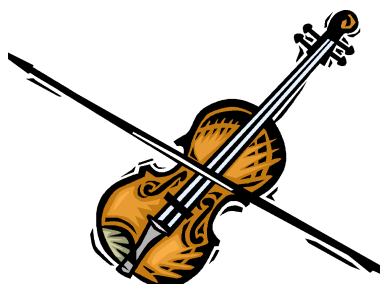
219 Sprain Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583
(914) 693-6639
www.ardsleymusic.com

Online Sources

www.sharmusic.com

www.johnsonstring.com

www.swstrings.com



This list is not exhaustive but represents sources that students have had consistent success with quality instruments and repair services