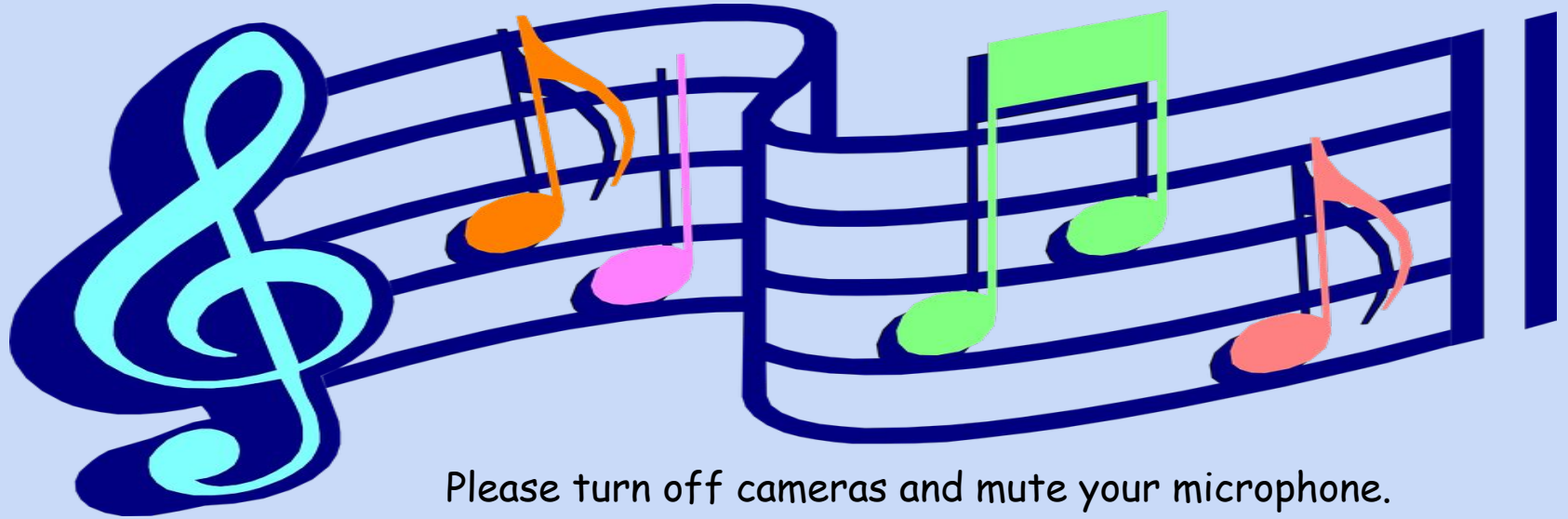


Butler Middle School Instrumental Music Registration



Please turn off cameras and mute your microphone.

Mr. Eckert

Mrs. Groves

Mrs. Karenbauer

Where do I start?

The following videos would be a great way to review the instruments that are available to start on at the Middle School:

STRING INSTRUMENTS

Click on an instrument to hear its sound!

[violin](#)



[viola](#)

[cello](#)



[BASS](#)

BAND INSTRUMENTS

(Click on instrument names to hear sample.)

[Flute](#)

[Oboe](#)

[Clarinet](#)

[Saxophone](#)

[Trumpet](#)

[French Horn](#)

[Trombone](#)

[Euphonium/Baritone](#)

[Percussion](#)



When does my child need to have instrument?

You should have your instrument for your first lesson at the beginning of the school year.

Your music teacher will let you know what day/time that will be.



What is a trial period?

The trial period for playing an instrument is 12 weeks long.

- During this time, the teacher will monitor the student's progress on the success of their particular instrument choice.
- After the trial period is over, the parent will be notified of their success and the student will eventually be invited to join the band or orchestra.

What is the time commitment?

- Practice goal - 20 minutes a day, 5 days a week
- Parent tip - please encourage your child as the newness will wear off. It takes TIME to succeed.
- Practicing is like homework and should be written in the student's planner.

Rent vs. Buy

- We highly encourage students to rent.
- If you buy and decide in a few months that this is not working out, then you are out the cost of the instrument. If you rent, then you are only out the initial rental fee.
- The initial rental fee and monthly rental fee accumulate as credit towards an instrument at the end of your rental contract.

What costs are involved?

1. Rental instruments (flute, clarinet, alto sax, trumpet, trombone, percussion kit, violin, and bass)
 - a. Instrument rental cost
 - b. Supplies (reeds, valve oil, rosin)
 - c. Book
2. School Owned Instruments (French Horn, baritone, oboe, bass clarinet, tenor sax, viola, and cello)
 - a. Supplies (reeds, valve oil, rosin)
 - b. Book

Where should I get an instrument?

- May's Music Shoppe (click [here](#) for info.)
- Johnstonbaugh's Music Center (click [here](#) for info.)



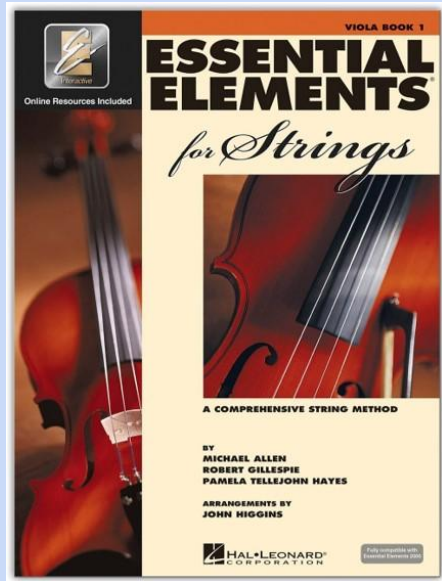
Both places have rental or buy options. We recommend renting vs. buying so the student has time to feel comfortable with their instrument choice.

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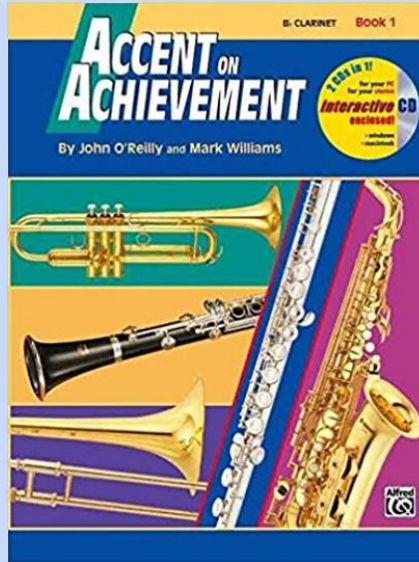
- Be careful ordering an instrument on-line.
- Always try to find a name brand product. (Samples include: Yamaha, Selmer, Vito, Gemienhardt(flute), Conn, Getzen, Holton, Buffet, Ludwig, and Pearl)
- Best bet - Use a reputable music store.

What Books are Needed?

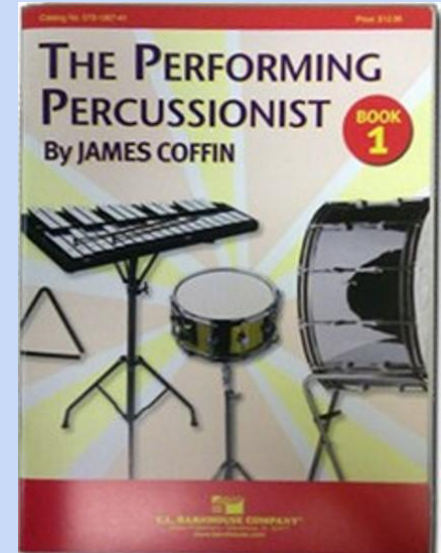
Strings



Woodwinds/Brass



Percussion



Registration Form

Please fill out the attached form by.....

CLICK [HERE](#) TO ACCESS FORM:



We will be in contact with you as soon as possible. No need to rent or purchase an instrument until you hear from us.

QUESTIONS?????

Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.....



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We look forward to hearing from you and working with your child on this new adventure!!!!