

Instrumental Music Parents:

As the school year winds to a close, I genuinely hope that your child's musical experience has been rewarding, educational and fun. It is my hope that your child will continue to be involved in the school instrumental music program, and receive many of the benefits playing a musical instrument has to offer. In addition, just because the school year is ending, it does not mean your child should give their instrument a rest. Summer will be a great time for your child to continue to hone his or her playing skills, and to prepare for a successful experience next school year. Even if they practice a few times during the summer, it will help them maintain the skills they have learned throughout the school year.

Many of you are currently renting an instrument from Music & Arts. Below, is a list of options regarding your rental as stated by Music & Arts.

1. "10-Month Renewal" *NOTE: This option is available only to those customers who signed up for a 10-month trial period.*

If you renew your rental for another 10 months by July 1, 2023, not only will you get a **highly discounted rate** and **keep all of your rental equity**, but also you **may keep your rental instrument over the summer for no additional charge!** If, for some reason, you do not receive renewal information by May 31st please call Music & Arts @ 888-731-5396.

2. "Monthly Rental"

If you elect this option, you need do nothing! We will charge your credit card using our EZ Pay system, or bill you at our low monthly rental rate. **Your monthly rental payments will continue to accrue as rental equity toward the purchase of an instrument.**

3. "Purchase"

Apply your current rental equity toward the purchase of a new or previously-rented instrument according to the terms of your rental agreement. In order to exercise this option, call **Music & Arts @ 888-731-5396** or call your **Local Music & Arts Store**. To find you nearest store, go to www.musicarts.com.

4. “Return”

You may discontinue your rental by returning the instrument. **Only return the instrument if your child plans not to continue in the program or has another instrument with which to practice over the summer.** Please be aware that if you return the instrument, you will forfeit all rental equity. You may return the instrument to your child’s instrumental music teacher in school prior to the end of the school year. **In order to do so you must first call Music & Arts @ 888-731-5396 to obtain a Return Authorization Number.** Our Music & Arts Educational Representative will then pick up and return your instrument. Alternatively, you may return the instrument directly to a Music & Arts store.

Please do not return the instrument until lessons are finished for the school year.

5. “Exchange vs. Return”

If your child plans to play a different instrument next year, **rather than return the instrument, continue paying on the current instrument, and request to do an exchange to a different instrument when needed.** The rental fees from your current instrument will carry over to the next instrument as rental equity toward purchase. However, **as per your rental agreement, exchanges are only allowed to an instrument of equal or greater value.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Music & Arts at 888-731-5396. Thank you for supporting your child’s music education!