

**Policy Statement # 2710 (Instruction) of the Board of Education  
Regarding the Purchase of Instruments and Equipment for School Bands and Orchestras**

- I. Purpose
  - A. To provide the opportunity for all students grades 4-12 to have band and/or orchestra experiences
  - B. To ensure that school bands and orchestras have a range of instrumentation
- II. Policy Statement
  - A. School bands and orchestras are commonly organized around the principle of student ownership of instruments of those types which are readily transportable and of reasonable cost. However, it is generally recognized that any program will require a small inventory of popular instruments as well as ownership of larger and more expensive instruments.
  - B. The Board of Education understands the need to balance the purchase of instruments and equipment for a well-equipped music program between the school system and the families served by the program.
  - C. Therefore, the Board of Education will purchase and maintain instruments and equipment for school music programs through the operating budget. The needs of each school and the availability of funds will be factors in determining specific purchases.
- III. Delegation of Authority
  - A. The Superintendent is directed to develop administrative procedures to implement this policy in accordance with all local policies and local, state and federal laws and regulations and to communicate this policy and accompanying procedures to all relevant parties.
- IV. Exceptions
  - A. There are no exceptions to this policy. However, the Board, by majority vote, may temporarily suspend all or part of this policy. Suspension of all or part of this policy, however, in no way relieves the Board of its obligation to comply with the pertinent local, state and federal laws and regulations or the rules and regulations of the Maryland State Board of Education and the Maryland State Department of Education.
- V. Review
  - A. This policy will be reviewed at the end of four years, or sooner, if approved by majority vote of the Board Education in public session.
- VI. Effective Date
  - A. This policy is effective March 14, 2024.

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