

PENN HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Elementary Instrumental Program

How to get an instrument:

1. Renting an Instrument:

- When you rent an instrument, you are renting to own. At the end of the rental period the money you have paid goes towards the purchase of a new instrument. Each music store has a different rental period. Please read the contacts thoroughly.
- Some stores deliver instruments to the schools so you don't have to make trips.
- Rental payments are small (about \$20 a month for most instruments). If your child changes his/her mind after a few months, you have not spent a lot of money yet.
- With rental contracts you have the option to have insurance on the instrument (for a small, but very worth while price) so that most minor and major repairs are free.

2. Purchasing an Instrument:

If you choose to purchase an instrument, please think about the following:

- Good quality costs more.
- Look for certain brand names. Check the list below of the best brand names for instruments.
- If you purchase something used be prepared to pay more to have the instrument fixed or repadded (for woodwind instruments) depending on where you buy from. Used string instruments will often need new strings and a new bow.
- Beginner orchestra (string) students start on smaller size instruments (usually half size). As your child grows he/she will need to exchange for a larger size. Music Go Round is a store that only sells instruments but does offer a buyback program when you need to change instruments.
- Check out the instrument stores. They sell high quality used instruments as well as new.

Band instrument names:

Armstrong	Blessing	Conn	King	Selmer
Artley	Buffet	Emerson	Jupiter	Vito
Bundy	Gemeinhardt	LeBlanc	Yamaha	

String instrument names:

Knilling	Glaesel	Josef Reiter
W. M. Lewis	Hermann Beyer	Scherl & Roth