Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda UFSD
2026-2027 Music Instrument Rentals

4th grade Instrumental Music

Student Name_____

Instrument_____

Parents/Guardians,

Your child is about to begin a new and exciting phase of their education: learning to play a musical instrument! Learning an instrument does not always come easy, which can be difficult for a youngster to understand. It takes careful practice, time and dedication to develop the skills needed to be successful. When both teacher and parent provide encouragement, patience, and understanding, learning to play a musical instrument can be a successful and enjoyable experience. Please read and discuss the following expectations with your child before making the commitment to play a musical instrument.

- Playing an instrument is a year-long commitment.
- Weekly lessons, rehearsals, and concerts must be attended.
- Students must bring their instrument and materials to lessons and rehearsals. *Please note: Students who play large instruments (cello, bass, french horn, trombone, and baritone) will have one home instrument and one school instrument.*
- Orchestra & Band start in January, during the school-day.
- Proper care of the instrument is expected
- Consistent practice: 20 minutes of practice 4 times a week (total of 80 min.)

4th grade Instrumental Music Recruitment Plan for 2026-27:

1. Music teachers will show students instrument demonstrations during class. Optional: you are encouraged to watch videos made by the BPO with your child to discuss the instruments. bpo.org/play-on-wny
2. During school students will be asked to pick three instruments that they are interested in playing.
3. Students will meet with their music teacher individually to narrow down their choices to the instrument that best fits them.
4. The music teacher will notify the students and parents/guardians of the instrument that the student has been placed on. The $40 Rental fee will be paid for through the Community Education Department.

https://register.ktufsd.org/wconnect/ace/home.htm

5. The music department's goal is to provide all students with the opportunity to experience playing a musical instrument. We work closely with students and parents to help select the instrument that is the best fit for the child, while also ensuring balanced instrumentation in both band and orchestra.Please wait to pay the rental fee until your child has been assigned an instrument.

Rental Information:
All Students in 4th grade have the option of renting an instrument from the District, for a $40 rental fee. Students that play instruments that are too large for the bus (french horn, baritone, cello and string bass) may pay one rental fee to the District and will receive one instrument to use at home and one to use at school.

Band Instruments that can be rented from the district for 4th grade ONLY: flute, oboe, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, baritone/euphonium and percussion kits.
Orchestra Instruments that can be rented from the district for 4th grade ONLY: Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass

District Rental Policy:
Students in grades 5-12 are expected to provide their own instrument—either by rental from a music store or purchase. The only instruments for students in grades 5-12 that are guaranteed to be rented out from the school (for a $40 rental fee) are: piccolo, oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, french horn, baritone/euphonium, tuba, and string bass. Students that play the trombone or cello may rent one from the district for use in school and should obtain one for use at home. Students that play instruments that are too large for the bus (tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, baritone/euphonium, tuba and string bass) may pay one rental fee to the District and will receive one instrument to use at home and one to use at school.

If you are considering purchasing an instrument please contact the music teacher for a list of recommended instrument brands. It is very important that you choose a quality brand when purchasing a musical instrument. Unfortunately, there are many off-brands available today that are not good choices for purchase. Some of these off-brands cannot even be repaired when they become broken, because the necessary parts to repair them are not available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's music teacher.

Hoover Elementary
Orchestra/Band: Ms. Regan -
ARegan@ktufsd.org

Holmes Elementary
Orchestra/Band: Ms. Aurigema
MAurigema@ktufsd.org

Lindbergh Elementary:
Orchestra/Band: Mrs. DelBello
MDelBello@ktufsdg.org

Franklin Elementary:
Orchestra - Mrs. McCormick
AMcCormick@ktufsd.org
Band - Mr. Backlund BBacklund@ktufsd.org

Edison Elementary:
Orchestra - Mrs. Torre - JTorre@ktufsd.org
Band - Ms. Aurigema -
MAurigema@ktufsd.org

The rental fee will be collected through the Community Education Department instead of the music teacher.

Registration opens: August 26, 2026
Rental Fee deadline: October 5, 2026

Registration this year is available exclusively online, allowing you to receive an immediate receipt confirming both your payment and your enrollment in the music program of your choice.

1. Online Registration: https://register.ktufsd.org/wconnect/ace/home.htm
2. Click on "Program" then "School Instrument Rental - KTUFSD Students Only "
3. Find your child's specific school/grade/instrument group