

## Orchestra Instrument and Supplies Information

It is important that students in orchestra have an instrument and the required accessories to participate in the class.

There are several ways to obtain an instrument. In most cases, parents “Rent to Own” instruments from one of our local music stores. We have two in town--**Music Depot** (located at 2318 w 17<sup>th</sup> Street 970-352-3380) and **Campus Music** (located at 907 16<sup>th</sup> Street 970-353-0572). Please contact the music stores for more information on “Rent to Own” plans.

Instruments can also be purchased off of the Internet. One of the most frequently used websites is **Southwest Strings**--all of their instruments and accessories are of good quality (even the lower priced items). Please be cautious when purchasing instruments from other sources--instruments can often be very poor in quality and not even useable. If your son or daughter already has an instrument to use in class, please have it checked before school starts to make sure it is in good condition and works properly (music stores can do this for you).

School Owned Instruments: For larger instruments like the cello and upright bass, there are instruments available at school for student use. But it is difficult to get these larger instruments home for students to practice. In some cases, parents might want to obtain a cello or bass for their son or daughter to use at home while the student uses a school owned cello or bass at school. There are also a limited number of school owned violins and violas at the school for families who just do not have the means to obtain an instrument in any other way (*but we really try to keep these instruments for students who have no other way financially to obtain an instrument*).

In addition to the instrument, students will need to have a case for the instrument, a bow that is in good condition and rosin for the bow (in most instances when the instrument is purchased it will have these things with it—especially if it is obtained from a reputable source). Students who intend to learn the violin or viola will also need a shoulder rest for the instrument. Students who play the cello or bass will also need a rock stop for the instrument. It is also recommended that instruments come with a cleaning cloth and an electronic tuner—students will learn how to use these items correctly in class. The music stores in town can help you make sure you are equipped properly with these items.

Students will not need to bring their instruments to school the first day of school.

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