

1st Year Instrumental Music Information

Welcome to Instrumental Music!!!! We hope that your child is excited about playing an instrument. We would LOVE for EVERYONE to join us!!! The difficult decision is not IF they should play, it's WHAT THEY SHOULD PLAY! The simplest answer is for your child to choose the instrument that sounds the best to them. Students can choose from the following instruments:

String Instruments:

Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass

Band Instruments:

Woodwinds: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone

Brass: Trumpet, French horn, Trombone, Baritone

Percussion: Bell Kit & Drum Pad



To listen to the instruments that we offer please go to the following sites:

[HH Instrument Videos](#)

[Be Part of the Music](#) (Please do not submit the interest form on this site)

How do I get my child started on an instrument???

1. Rent an instrument. **We highly suggest starting the rental process now.** It will ensure that your child receives a **premium instrument.** Due to tremendous student participation some instruments may run out. This will delay the first lesson.
2. We recommend using Music & Arts. Simply click on the link below and fill out the information. Please select the 10-month option. The instrument will be delivered to school in the fall. We highly suggest purchasing the maintenance plan, which covers all repairs.

[Music & Arts Instrument Rental](#)

Music and Arts
490 Easton Rd
Horsham, PA 19044
(215-443-7880)

3. **Please register here:** [Instrument Registration \(for Band & Strings\)](#)
4. Lessons will start at the end of September. We will post exact start dates on our website after the registration process is complete. [Elementary Instrument Website](#)
5. If you are looking to purchase instead of renting, the general rule is to buy from a music store. Purchasing online can be a problem. Most inexpensive instruments are made from inferior materials and are not repairable. They will be a source of frustration for your child. **If you are purchasing online, please contact us first!**
6. Please reach out to us if you need financial assistance. We can help!!



Practice

1. One 30-minute lesson will be given during the school day (times are worked out with homeroom teachers)
2. We suggest 10-15 minutes of practice daily. The more you put in, the more you get out!
3. Parent encouragement and developing a practice routine is essential to success.
4. Students should find a place to practice where they can sit or stand with proper posture. Using a music stand or setting a computer at an adequate height is essential in developing good playing habits.

Materials Needed

1. Lesson books are provided free with the rental program.
Standard of Excellence, Book 1 (For Band)
Sound Innovations, Book 1 (For Strings)
2. Music stand (folding type is free with rental program)
3. MakeMusic: This is a free online lesson book. **It is a great practice tool, but the grading feature is flawed. The score is NOT a good indication of student progress.**
4. Make sure to have a pencil for all instruction.

Miscellaneous Considerations

1. All band instruments come in one size. If you are choosing a string instrument, please follow the sizing guidelines [String Sizing Chart](#) (**DO NOT RENT FROM HERE!!!!**)
2. Students that already have a playable instrument just need to purchase the lesson book & folding music stand
3. Students that have difficulty with their selected instrument can transfer to a new instrument during the rental period. **Please communicate with the instructor before making any transfer.**

Please email us with any questions that you may have!!!!!!

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