

INSTRUMENT SIGN UP PACKET

Dear 4th Grade Families,

September 2021

This fall, you have received information and paperwork regarding your child starting a band or string instrument. There will be an informational **parent meeting** to help with this process on Thursday, **September 16th at 7pm at Lower Dauphin High School**. In order to sign up for Instrumental Lessons, please submit the attached GOOGLE form by **Friday September 24, 2021 *whether or not your child is planning on playing an instrument.*** *This ensures that we are including everyone.*

Instrumental beginner week lessons will begin the week of **Monday, October 4, 2021**. We will send a schedule home so that you will know when your child will have lessons. Please remind your child to bring his/her instrument and music to school the morning of their scheduled lesson

In addition, I have attached information you will need in order to rent or purchase an instrument. If your child is going to play an instrument, they will need all of the necessary equipment for their first few lessons, which will begin Monday, **October 4, 2021**. Any reputable music store will be able to assist you in getting the needed equipment.

If you have any questions at any time, please feel free to contact your music teacher via email. We do not want your child to miss out on this great opportunity!

Sincerely,

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HOW TO GET AN INSTRUMENT

OPTION #1: Rent or purchase an instrument from Menchey Music

1. Complete the online or in-person (at Parent Meeting) rental agreement with Menchey Music.
2. Menchey Music will deliver the instrument and materials to the school prior to your first lesson.

OPTION #2: Rent or purchase an instrument from another music store

1. Visit the music store to make the necessary arrangements for the instrument and other materials.
2. Send the instrument to school earlier than Monday, October 4th so your music teacher can make sure everything is set up for success.

OPTION #3: Purchase or borrow a privately owned or used instrument (Do not **purchase** a string instrument! The size will change as the student grows!)

1. Take the instrument to a music store or have a knowledgeable repair person check it to make sure it is in good playing condition.
2. Purchase all the necessary materials for the instrument you choose (See equipment lists on the next page).
3. Have all “tune-ups, fix-ups, clean-ups, etc.” completed early so that you can send the instrument to school with your child on the morning of the first lesson – **Monday, October 4, 2021.**

Menchey Music Service, Inc.	3907 Union Deposit Rd., Harrisburg (564-2299)
Horn Hospital	3796 Valley Road, Marysville, PA 17053 (957-2775)
Central Penn Music	8 N. Londonderry Square, Palmyra, 17078 (832-6110)
Forte	550 North Mountain Road, Harrisburg, 17112 (1-877-29FORTE)
Loser's	721 Cumberland St., Lebanon, 17042 (272-0381)
Marty's Music Store	1245 E. Main St., Annville (867-1000)
Country Strings Shop	2849 Horseshoe Pike, Campbelltown 17010 (717-838-8732)
JW Music	331 Market Street, Lemoyne, PA 17043 (761-8222)

OPTION #4: Borrow a school-owned instrument

1. Inform me of your child's instrumental choice so that I can reserve an instrument for you.
2. Purchase all the necessary materials for the instrument you choose.
3. Complete the usage agreement form I will send home, and return it to school as soon as possible.
4. School owned instruments are: Baritone, Cello, String Bass, French Horn (If interested in a different instrument due to financial difficulties, please inquire with your music teacher).

EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST FOR BEGINNERS

Please purchase or supply the following items for the first day of lessons,
Monday, October 4th, 2021.

These items will make playing the instrument easier for your child. The lists should not deter from playing an instrument. Please contact your music teacher with any questions about items on the list.

All Band Instruments*

- _____ name tag
- _____ lesson book: Sound Innovations Book 1 for your instrument
- _____ folder (I will supply this if the music store does not give you one.)
- _____ music stand (Needed for home practice.)

All String Instruments*

- _____ name tag
- _____ rosin
- _____ shoulder pad/rest for violin or viola (preferred rests: Everest)
- _____ lesson book: Sound Innovations for Strings, Book 1
- _____ folder (I will supply this if the music store does not give you one.)
- _____ music stand (This is needed for home practice.)
- _____ cleaning cloth (a clean, lint-free cloth/rag – ex. handkerchief, old T-shirt, etc.)

*Please make sure your instrument comes with a case. Cases are included in most store rentals and most school lending situations.

Flute

- _____ cleaning rod (this should come with the instrument)
- _____ cleaning cloth (a clean, lint-free cloth/rag-- ex. handkerchief, t-shirt, etc.)

Oboe

- _____ 2 oboe reeds with reed cases
- _____ cork grease
- _____ swab (for cleaning the inside)

Clarinet

- _____ box of #2.5 reeds
- _____ 2 reed cases
- _____ cork grease
- _____ swab (for cleaning the inside)
- _____ mouthpiece brush (for cleaning the mouthpiece)

Alto Saxophone

- _____ box of #2.5 reeds
- _____ 2 reed cases
- _____ cork grease
- _____ swab (for cleaning the inside)
- _____ neck cleaner
- _____ mouthpiece brush (for cleaning the mouthpiece)

Trumpet,

_____ Trumpet Care Kit

Baritone, French Horn from school

_____ cleaning cloth (a clean, lint-free cloth/rag—ex. handkerchief, part of old T-shirt,)

_____ Mouthpiece

Bratone, French Horn from music store

_____ Brass care kit

_____ cleaning cloth

Trombone

_____ Trombone care kit

_____ cleaning cloth (a clean, lint-free cloth/rag ex. handkerchief, part of old T-shirt, etc.)

Mallet Percussion

_____ Bell kit (includes orchestra bells, stand, and mallets)

Snare Drum

_____ Snare Drum Kit (includes drum, stand, drum sticks)

- Please have a way to transport the instrument
- You may just get a drum pad and stand and sticks.

*******IMPORTANT REMINDER*******

Although there may be inexpensive “bargain” instruments at department stores, in catalogs, and on the internet, the Lower Dauphin School District recommends that you rent, lease or purchase an instrument from a reputable music dealer. Such stores have technicians and repair persons who will service the instruments if they need adjustment or repair. These technicians also set-up the instrument in good playing condition for a beginning instrumentalist. A poor quality instrument could have negative consequences on a student’s playing and success in the instrumental program due to poor sound production, frustration and frequent repairs.

<https://bit.ly/LDInstruments>

