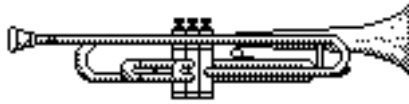


West Contra Costa Unified School District

Elementary Instrumental Music Department



Dear Parent:

8/25/16

An Instrumental Music program will be offered again this year in our elementary schools. The Instrumental Music Department will offer Beginning and Intermediate instruction in **flute, clarinet, trumpet, and trombone.**

If your child is a beginner, please wait until we are able to interview your child and assist him/her in selecting the instrument that may be best for them before renting or purchasing. Many students often want to switch to another instrument after only a year of instruction. **We discourage this since it takes several years of practice on one instrument before an elementary student has reached an intermediate level.**

Many students in the program rent or own their instruments. Instruments can be rented from local music stores listed in the yellow pages. A limited number of school instruments are available. Many more students request instruments than there are instruments available, especially flutes, clarinets, and saxophones. Not all students can be provided with a school instrument. If your child can provide his/her own instrument, he/she will automatically be enrolled in the music program. Students requesting the use of school instruments will be entered into a lottery. If your child played an instrument last year and demonstrated an aptitude and a willingness to practice, then purchasing or renting to buy an instrument would be a wise investment in your child's education. **Instrumental Music** is a Pull-Out class that removes students from their regular classroom activities once or twice a week for 30 minutes each time.

Students are required:

1. To attend each class session with their instrument and music materials. Even 1 missed class can put a student seriously behind.*
 2. To practice 30 minutes each day.
 3. To exhibit good behavior, (self-control and listening), in each class session.*
 4. To make up any classroom assignments missed due to being taken out of class in order to participate in instrumental music.
- * Chronic Failure to comply may lead to being dropped from the Program after a Parent Conference.

If you are interested in having your child learn a musical instrument, please fill out the form below and return it to your child's classroom teacher.

Thank You,
Elementary Music Staff

Student's Name _____ School _____ Room # _____ Requested Instrument:
(4th, 5th, and 6th Grade: _____ Flute, _____ Clarinet _____ Trumpet _____ Trombone)
(6th Grade only: _____ Alto Sax (For a returning Flute or Clarinet student), _____ Baritone)

I have read and understand all of the student requirements and expectations for Instrumental Music

E-mail: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____ Home phone _____ Work phone (optional)/ Text Yes, No

_____ I will rent, purchase, or otherwise provide an instrument for my child
_____ I request that my child borrow a school instrument, if available.