

**WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELEMENTARY MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

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Dear Parents of Instrumental Music Students,

Since the school has a limited number of band instruments for students to use, I am not able to supply every student who is interested in taking band with a school instrument. Our only alternative is for the students to rent or purchase an instrument if they are financially able. If your child has played an instrument for two or more years and is successful with it, this is an excellent investment in his/her educational development.

If you feel that you are able to pursue this, start by looking in the yellow pages of the phone book or in your search engine on line under “Musical Instruments” and call some of the stores listed. Ask about the availability of instruments and what the options are for renting, buying, or renting-to-buy, and the cost.

Also, there are many excellent used instruments available for sale. Check the local newspapers as well as the Classified Flea Market paper. The following companies are reputable and manufacture good student or professional quality instruments:

ARTLEY	GETZEN	SELMER BUNDY
CONN	JUPITER	VITO
ELKHART	LE BLANC	YAMAHA
ARMSTRONG	GEMEINHARDT	OLDS AMBASSADOR
SELMER		BACH TRUMPETS

If you have any questions, please call me at your child’s school and leave your name and home and work phone numbers. I’ll return your call as soon as possible.

Thank you.
Elementary Music Staff