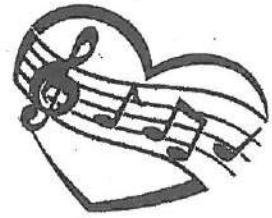


# Elementary Instrumental Music

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

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## Why Join Instrumental Music?

The purpose of our music program is to begin the study of a musical instrument and to experience the pleasure of music through playing that instrument. Students participating in band or violin also develop self-confidence, responsibility, self-discipline, and teamwork. Additionally, research shows that there is a strong connection between learning an instrument and improved test scores and grades.

## When Are Lessons?

Starting the week of August 27, instrumental music classes are bi-weekly and take place during regular school hours. Students will also be required to make up any classwork that they may miss while attending music lessons.

## What Instruments Can I Play?

Flute	Clarinet	Saxophone	Trumpet	Trombone
Percussion (Select 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year Players Only)			Violin (Wilson Only)	



### How Do I Get Started?

#### Renting Vs. Buying an Instrument:

- Renting is a great way to decide if your child is "serious" about music
- Many stores have Rent-to-Own programs
- If you are interested in buying an instrument, PLEASE select a quality brand (Email me if you would like guidance)
- Please DO NOT get a colored instrument! (ie purple flute or blue trumpet) They are not good quality instruments and will always need repairs.

#### Rental Night:

Compare local music store prices all in one location!  
Citrus Hills Intermediate School (MPR)  
Wednesday, August 22 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

#### Suggested Music Stores:

Music & Arts Center, Corona 951-735-5924  
IE Music, Corona 951-479-1261  
JKEAA Music, Riverside 951-789-1422  
Music & Arts, Corona 951-278-8880



**For all band instruments:** Method Book: Sound Innovations for Concert Band, Book 1 (for the respective instrument), Pencil & Binder for sheet music, Cleaning Cloth, Wire foldable music stand for home practice (highly recommended)

**For Trumpet:** Valve Oil & Tuning Slide Grease

**For Trombone:** Slide Oil

**For Clarinet & Saxophone:** At least three #2 sized reeds (this is an on-going purchase throughout the year), cork grease, reed guard, neck strap (saxophones only).

**For Percussion:** Snare Drum Mallets, Practice Pad & Stand

**For Violin:** Method Book: The ABCs of Violin for the Absolute Beginner, Book 1, Resin, Tuner, Replacement Strings, Cleaning Cloth, Pencil & Binder

### What Are My Commitments?

**Attendance:** Instrumental music students must attend each rehearsal with their instrument and music. If the student does not consistently bring required materials to rehearsal, he/she may be asked to return to class.

**Practice:** Students are expected to practice a little bit every day at home as their music "homework". The most successful musicians are those who dedicate time and energy to their instrument consistently every single day. Each instrument requires a unique set of skills, and weekly music classes alone will not be enough to perfect these skills.

**Performances:** We will do several major performances during the school year. Performances are a culmination of all the learning that students have done and an opportunity for them to showcase their talents. Families of participating students are highly encouraged to attend the performances and cheer for their superstars!

### How Do I Sign Up?

(Please cut off this portion and return to your classroom teacher this week or to Mrs. Diaz on the first day of band)

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> year: \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> year: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Room #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_