



# Instrumental Music Handbook

Dear Parent/Guardian and Student,

Welcome to the instrumental music program! We are pleased your child has expressed an interest in playing a band or string instrument. We strongly recommend your child's participation in the instrumental music program, as it opens the door to a lifetime of musical enrichment and appreciation for many kinds of music. Lessons will be offered on the following instruments:

VIOLIN 	FLUTE 	TRUMPET 
VIOLA 	CLARINET 	FRENCH HORN 
CELLO 	SAXOPHONE 	TROMBONE 
STRING BASS 	PERCUSSION 	BARITONE / TUBA 

Many of the instruments listed are available for use from the school. However, we encourage students to rent or purchase their instrument from one of the music stores listed below. The pride and commitment of owning an instrument will greatly increase the chances of success for your child in music.

Vendor	Address	Phone	Description
Gottschalk Music	328 Pollasky Ave Clovis, CA 93612	(559) 298-4400	All instrumental music sales & repairs.
American Music	2597 E. Ashlan Ave Fresno, CA 93726	(559) 221-0233	All instrumental music sales & repairs.
The Horn Shop	4337 N. Golden State Blvd. #106 Fresno, CA 93722	(559) 276-2247	Specialize in wind instrument repairs and sales.
Harvard House	90 E. Escalon Ave. #115 Fresno, CA 93710	(559) 432-9071	Specialize in string instrument repairs and sales.
Patrick's Music	769 E. Barstow Fresno, CA 93710	(559) 224-7287	All instrumental music sales & repairs.

Please read through the **STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY** section so that both you and your child know what will be expected of them in the music program. **Return the MUSIC CONTRACT signed by both parent and child as soon as possible.** Please feel free to call us at school if you have any questions about the instrumental music program. *Instrument hand-out starts the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school for 6<sup>th</sup> graders and the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school for 5<sup>th</sup> graders.*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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# *Instrumental Music Class Schedule*

Each student in the instrumental music program will have a practice rehearsal at school during the following days and times. **Please save this paper and add it to your child's schedule.** Instrumental music students will receive two 45 minute lessons per week.

<b>Monday @ Sierra Vista</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday @ Red Bank</b>	<b>Thursday @ Sierra Vista</b>	<b>Friday @ Red Bank</b>
10:10 - 5th Grade Strings & Band		7:30 - 5th Grade Percussion	12:45 - 5th Grade Strings & Band	10:45 - 5th Grade Strings & Band
10:55 - 6th Grade Strings & Band		8:15 - 6th Grade Band & Strings	1:30 - 6th Grade Strings & Band	11:30 - 6th Grade Strings & Band
11:40 - Lunch		9:00 - 5th Grade Band & Strings	2:15 - Done	12:15 - Lunch
		9:45 - Done		



# *Instrumental Music Student Responsibilities*

Please read over the following responsibilities of instrumental music students with your child. We hope that you will become actively involved by supporting and encouraging your child to learn to play a musical instrument. Please sign and return the MUSIC CONTRACT to the school.

1. Students are expected to participate in the instrumental music program for the **entire** school year. Winners never quit and quitters never win.
2. Students are expected to practice their instruments at home weekly.
3. Students are expected to bring their instruments and book to school on days when music classes are scheduled, and are to report to band or orchestra without being reminded by the teacher.
4. Students are required to attend all scheduled music programs or concerts unless he or she is ill. Failure to attend the instrumental (and choir concert if a member) will result in a grade drop and non-participation in the end-of-year party/event.
5. Students are responsible for taking care of their instruments and for having all necessary supplies – (reeds, rosin, valve oil, etc...)
6. Students understand that they will receive an effort grade for band or orchestra that will reflect their homework, performance and concert attendance.



# Instrumental Music Grading Policy

Each student in the instrumental music program will receive an effort grade on his/her quarterly report card. The grade will reflect their effort in two or three categories. The three categories are Homework, Testing, and Concert attendance.

The following chart shows how the student will earn their grade during each quarter of school.

Quarter 1 (1 <sup>st</sup> 9 Weeks)	Quarter 2 (2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 Weeks)	Quarter 3 (3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 Weeks)	Quarter 4 (4 <sup>th</sup> 9 Weeks)
1 Homework Sheet Due	1 Homework Sheet Due	1 Homework Sheet Due	1 Homework Sheet Due
Test #1	Test #2	Test #3	Test #4
	Winter Concert		Spring Concert

**HOMEWORK** - Each quarter a student must turn in one homework/practice sheet. You are required to sign off that your child has practiced their instrument at home at least 3 times during this quarter. Students are allowed to turn in more than one sheet per quarter for a special reward, but still must turn in one sheet every nine weeks of school.

**TEST** - Each student will also be tested in class on various pieces of music every quarter. Ask them if they are prepared.

**CONCERT** - Each student will be given credit for attending the Winter and Spring concerts. These are mandatory so be on the look-out for dates to these events. (6<sup>th</sup> grade students also have a 3<sup>rd</sup> concert that is NOT counted for grades, but is still mandatory. This is the AREA concert that usually takes place at the end of January.)

The report card will have a listing of my name below the regular teacher's name. Then it will have one of three EFFORT grades listed next to the music subject.

O = Outstanding

S = Satisfactory

N = Needs Improvement

A chart is on the wall in the music room showing each students progress in fulfilling their grades. The student can always look to see what they have completed or need to complete. If you have any questions, please contact me.



# Instrumental Music Recommended Supplies

The recommended book we use is: Essential Elements for Band / Strings (Book 1). Make sure the *correct instrument name* is listed at the top of the book. The following are recommended supplies for each instrument:

<b>BARITONE/TUBA</b>	<b>AL CASS or FAT CAT valve oil, tuning slide grease</b>
<b>CLARINET</b>	<b>One box Rico Royal #2.5 reeds, cork grease, weighted cloth</b>
<b>FLUTE</b>	<b>Small soft cloth</b>
<b>FRENCH HORN</b>	<b>Soft cloth, rotor oil, tuning slide grease</b>
<b>PERCUSSION</b>	<b>Size 2B snare sticks</b>
<b>SAXOPHONE</b>	<b>One box Rico Royal #2.5 reeds, neck strap, cork grease</b>
<b>STRINGS</b>	<b>Soft cloth, KAFKO rosin, RESONANS shoulder rest</b>
<b>TROMBONE</b>	<b>TROMBONTINE slide cream, small spray bottle</b>
<b>TRUMPET</b>	<b>AL CASS or FAT CAT valve oil, tuning slide grease</b>

A folding music stand for home practice is suggested but not required. Listed previously are some area music stores that rent instruments and sell books and supplies. I would suggest phoning these stores to be sure the items you need are in stock. ***MOST STORES ARE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS!***