



Shakopee Beginning Band

How do I get my instrument?

INSTRUMENT INFORMATION

Shakopee Public Schools
2017-18

HOW DO I GET AN INSTRUMENT FOR MY CHILD?

*JOIN US FOR OUR INSTRUMENT INFORMATION NIGHT:
AT SUN PATH ELEMENTARY ON APRIL 25TH FROM 4:00-7:30.

Most of our students get their instruments from one of the following options. Please read the “other instruments” section below if you are not planning on going through a recommended music store. Buying an instrument can be very intimidating! Please ask your director for assistance if you are unsure of what and where to buy.

FAMILY-OWNED INSTRUMENTS

If you already have an instrument at home, this would be a great, low-cost way for your child to get started in band. However, it is extremely important that your child’s instrument be in good playing condition. The older the instrument, the more likely it is that it will need some repair work before it is playable. If you are planning to have your child play a family-owned instrument, we recommend bringing it to a music repair shop for a check-up before Band Display Night on May 17 to be sure it is in good playing condition. A list of repair shops is below.

ECKROTH MUSIC	(651) 704-9654
GROTH MUSIC	(952) 884-4772
SCHMITT MUSIC	(763) 398-5035
MIDWEST BAND INSTRUMENT SERVICE	(952) 884-0917

SCHOOL-OWNED INSTRUMENTS

If your child chooses to play F Horn, Baritone/Euphonium, or Tuba, he/she will rent an instrument from the school. The cost is \$60 per year and is non-refundable. We also have a small number of other instruments available to families receiving free/reduced lunch or with a financial need– please contact your child’s band director for more information.

TRIAL PURCHASES THROUGH MUSIC STORES

For your convenience, representatives from music stores will be at Band Display Night on April 25th. On this night, you will be able to arrange for a 3-4 month trial purchase of an instrument for your child. At the end of the trial period, you may choose to purchase the instrument outright or on a payment plan, or return it to the music store with no further obligation.

Fees for the trial purchase plan will be consistent between the music stores and the fees will apply toward the purchase price of the instrument. **However, be aware that after the trial period, purchase plans do vary among the stores. We encourage you to allow extra time at the display night to discuss purchase plans or to contact each store in advance to inquire about their payment plans.** If you wish to obtain more information regarding instrument rental, please contact the following music store representatives:

ECKROTH MUSIC	(651) 704-9654	(Daryk Narum)
SCHMITT MUSIC	(763) 398-5035	(Christopher Judd)
GROTH MUSIC	(952) 884-4772	(Jordan Warfield)
THE MUSIC MART	1-800-882-2896	(Joe Meidl)

If you arrange for an instrument on Band Display Night, the instrument will be delivered to the schools in time for your child’s first lesson.

****OTHER INSTRUMENTS**

Students occasionally come to us with instruments purchased from other sources (Amazon, E-Bay, Craig's List, pawn shops, big box stores, etc.). From our experiences and observations, the instruments from these places have **not** been of good quality. They almost always have problems, and when they need to be repaired (which they most certainly will) most repair shops will not fix them due to several factors including non-standard parts and low-quality metals. Please **check with your child's band director before purchasing an instrument from a non-traditional source**; we can often tell you whether or not it will be a good purchase based on the brand name or other basic facts. Quality should be your most important consideration when selecting an instrument! Many used quality instruments are available for the same price as new poorly made instruments.

If you are considering buying any of these brands **please consult your band director** first:

1st Act, Allora, Amati, Blessing, Borg, Brasswing, Bulgheroni, Cecilio, Etude, Giardinelli, Kantsul, Libretto Antigua, LJ Hutchen, Mazzeo, Mendini, Prelude by Conn-Selmer, Simba, anything with no brand name, anything that is colored, anything from Costco, Sam's Club, Target, etc.

Recommended brands include:

FLUTE: Armstrong, Emerson, Gemeinhardt, Jupiter, Yamaha, Accent, Haynes

CLARINET: Artley, Buffet, Jupiter, LeBlanc, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha, Accent

ALTO SAXOPHONE: Bundy (maybe), Conn, Jupiter, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha, Cannonball, Accent

TRUMPET: Bach, Conn, Getzen, Holton, Jupiter, King, Yamaha, Accent

TROMBONE: Accent, Bach, Conn, Getzen, Holton, Jupiter, King, Yamaha

SHOULD I SIGN MY CHILD UP FOR SUMMER LESSONS?

Summer lessons are the best way for your child to get started in band! Your child will attend seven 30-minute lessons during the last 6 weeks before school starts. These lessons offer a great, low-pressure way for your child to get a head start on his/her instrument before the busy school year begins. (Our goal is to have at least 75% of our students take summer lessons!)

We prefer that all students are able to attend all lessons during the summer program. Students who will miss the first week of summer lessons will need to start in the fall, as these are the most difficult lessons to "make up." All other missed lessons due to vacations, etc. may or may not be rescheduled at the discretion of the teacher.

If your child is unable to participate in summer lessons, this does not mean that your child will not be able to participate in band in the fall. Students who choose not to participate will begin lessons during school in September.

For more details on summer lessons, please refer to the next page in this handbook.

SUMMER BAND LESSON INFORMATION

The Shakopee Public Schools provide incoming 5th graders the opportunity to participate in a summer band lesson program through Community Education. The summer lesson program runs for the five weeks prior to the beginning of school. Students receive 6 half-hour lessons, and are a great deal compared to music store and private instruction rates! Summer band lesson participation is not required; however, it is highly recommended as a way to get your student jump-started on their instrument before school begins. Lesson times remain the same for the 6-week period, and there are no Friday lessons.

2017 SUMMER LESSON SCHEDULE AND TIMES THROUGH COMMUNITY ED.

Tuesday Sessions (lesson times vary)	Wednesday Sessions (lesson times vary)
July 17 th & 18th (Mon. & Tue.)*	July 19 th & 20 th (Wed. & Thurs.)*
July 25th	July 26th
Aug. 1st	Aug. 2nd
Aug. 8th	Aug. 9th
Aug. 15th	Aug. 16th
Aug. 22nd	Aug. 23rd

*Note that there are two lessons scheduled the first week.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The best way to register for summer lessons is online through Shakopee Community Education starting on April 25th. Class sizes are capped at 4 or 6 students and certain slots fill up quickly. You can also register the following ways:

1. Register on-line at www.shakopee.k12.mn.us with Visa, Mastercard, or Discover.
2. Register in person at the Community Ed office (cash or checks also accepted).
3. Once students receive registration forms (separate from this handbook), you can fax it to Community Education at 1-952-496-5098 or mail it to Shakopee Community Education, 505 Holmes St. South, Shakopee, MN 55379

Shakopee Schools Beginning Band Required Supply List

****Please review the back side of this paper before you buy an instrument – thanks!***

Flute: cleaning rod and cloth, Musical Magic yellow lesson book and blue rehearsal book, wire music stand

Clarinet: clarinet swab (cotton or silk), 4-10 #2.5 strength reeds (blue Royal by Addario preferred), Musical Magic yellow lesson book and blue rehearsal book, wire music stand

Alto and Tenor Saxophone: neck strap, saxophone swab (cotton or silk), 4-10 #2.5 strength reeds (blue Royal by Addario preferred), Musical Magic yellow lesson book and blue rehearsal book, wire music stand

Trumpet: valve oil (Blue Juice or Al Cass recommended), Musical Magic yellow lesson book and blue rehearsal book, wire music stand

French Horn: (rented through the school), rotor oil, Farkas MDC French horn mouthpiece (no substitutions), Musical Magic yellow lesson book and blue rehearsal book, wire music stand

Trombone: silicone-based slide cream and a small spray bottle, Musical Magic yellow lesson book and blue rehearsal book, wire music stand

Baritone/Euphonium: (rented through the school), mouthpiece (Bach 12C or equivalent), valve oil (Blue Juice or Al Cass recommended), Musical Magic yellow lesson book and blue rehearsal book, wire music stand

Tuba: (rented through the school), mouthpiece (Bach 24AW or equivalent), valve oil (Blue Juice or Al Cass recommended), Musical Magic yellow lesson book and blue rehearsal book, wire music stand

Percussion: bell kit with practice pad, and four books: Musical Magic yellow lesson book for snare and bells, blue rehearsal book for snare and bells

*Percussionists will also need to purchase a Shakopee Schools-specific stick pack from The Music Mart: please contact Joe at 1-800-882-2896, or make arrangements with your child's band director to purchase.

How to obtain band instruments, equipment, accessories, etc.

- **Option #1 – through a music store**

1. Contact or go directly to one of the music stores listed in the box below with a store rep. listed
2. Order the item
3. Submit your credit card number
4. Tell the store you would like your purchase to be delivered to your school or to the band director by the store representative

- **Option #2 – online**

Some of the stores listed below have an option on their website to order online and have items delivered to your home. ***Please review the recommended brands below before ordering from an internet retailer.**

Recommended Instrument Brands: Accent, Anthem, Armstrong, Artley, Buffet, Bundy, Conn, Gemeinhardt, Getzen, Emerson, Haynes, Holton, Jupiter, LeBlanc, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha

*please contact your director if there is a brand that does not appear on this list.

Recommended Music Stores

<p>Chaska Music Studios *(LESSONS ONLY) 1340 Crystal Lane A-1 Chaska , MN 55318 952-448-5656 www.chaskamusicstudios.com</p> <p>Eckroth Music 3065 Centre Point Dr., Suite 1 Roseville, MN 55113 800-543-8255 www.eckroth.com (also order online) *store rep delivers to your school: Daryk N. darykn@eckrothmusic.com</p> <p>Groth Music 8056 Nicollet Ave S Bloomington, MN 55420 800-969-4772 www.grothmusic.com (also order online) *store rep delivers to your school: Jordan W. jwarfield@grothmusic.com</p>	<p>Music Mart 1014 N Riverfront Dr. Mankato, MN 56001 800-882-2896 www.musicmart.bz *store rep delivers to your school: Joe M. joe@musicmart.bz</p> <p>Schmitt Music - Burnsville Cobblestone Court 14150 Nicollet Ave. S Burnsville, MN 55337-5726 952-435-2454</p> <p>Schmitt Music – Edina 2906 W. 66th St. Richfield, MN 55432 612-238-9930 www.schmittmusic.com (order online) * store rep delivers to your school: Chris J. christopher.judd@schmittmusic.com</p>
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