



## **Shakopee Beginning Band**

# **How do I get my instrument?**

INSTRUMENT INFORMATION

Shakopee Public Schools  
2019-20

# HOW DO I GET AN INSTRUMENT FOR MY CHILD?

\*JOIN US FOR OUR INSTRUMENT INFORMATION NIGHT:  
AT SUN PATH ELEMENTARY ON MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 per year (TBD- but a one-time payment to pay for cleaning at the end of the 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 May 2<sup>nd</sup>. On this night, you will be able to arrange for a 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	(Jennifer Rivera)
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:

1<sup>st</sup> Act, Allora, Amati, Blessing, Borg, Brasswing, Bulgheroni, Cecilio, Etude, Giardinelli, Kantsul, Libretto Antigua, LJ Hutchen, Mazzeo, Mendini, Prelude, 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 5<sup>th</sup> graders the opportunity to participate in a summer band lesson program through Community Education. The summer lesson program runs for the six weeks prior to the beginning of school. Students receive 7 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.

## 2018 SUMMER LESSON SCHEDULE AND TIMES THROUGH COMMUNITY ED:

<b>Tuesday Sessions (lesson times vary)</b>	<b>Wednesday Sessions (lesson times vary)</b>
<b>(Mon. July 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tue. July 16th)*</b>	<b>July (Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup>)*</b>
July 23rd	July 24th
July 30th	July 31st
Aug. 6th	Aug. 7th
Aug. 13th	Aug. 14th
Aug. 20th	Aug. 21st

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

**Coming soon - A separate flier from Community Education with all the summer lesson registration information!**

## **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, 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, 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, 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, wire music stand

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

**Percussion:** bell kit with practice pad, Shakopee-specific stick pack\*, and four books: Musical Magic yellow lesson book for snare and bells

\*Percussionists not purchasing a bell kit through a music store will also need to purchase a Shakopee Schools-specific stick pack. Please talk to your child's director for more information!

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