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WHERE DO I GET MY INSTRUMENT?????????

If you play oboe, bassoon, French Horn, euphonium, or tuba -

You will check out an instrument from Fisd. There is a \$100 usage fee that covers common wear and tear. The fee will be paid through your onlineschoolfees.com account. Any damage above and beyond normal use will need to be fixed at parents' expense as we have limited funds. Checkout for these instruments will occur in August with one exception; students choosing to take regular summer lessons with an LMS approved private teacher, may check out an instrument the last week of school. **Even though you will check out an instrument through Fisd, you will still need to visit a music store for your supplies.**

If you play flute, saxophone, trumpet, or trombone -

We HIGHLY recommend renting your instrument to start from a reputable music company. This guarantees you acquire a quality instrument and supplies. Over time, you will own the instrument outright. You could purchase an instrument. Any instrument purchased should be from the LMS recommended list of instruments including brand/model. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PURCHASING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT FROM A BOX STORE OR AMAZON. These instruments will be cheap and will also perform poorly. Many will not play up to pitch and respond similar to toys than instruments. If you have a question about an instrument, please reach out to a director.

Please consider using Brook Mays Music for your rental/supply needs [HERE](#)

If you play clarinet - Same as above applies.

Please consider using Duo Music for your rental/supply needs [HERE](#)

If you play PERCUSSION - you will need a snare pad, stand, mallets and a home practice marimba. Everything has been set up as a one-stop-shop at an unbeatable price.

Order the snare pad, mallets, and sticks [HERE](#)

Order your marimba [HERE](#). (Select September as your delivery date)

We never want finances to be the reason a student does not participate in band. Should you need financial assistance, our Band Boosters are here to help. Simply reach out to Mr. Holzer and we can work together to find a solution.

For rentals and supplies (except clarinet and percussion) -



3 EASY WAYS
TO GET YOUR INSTRUMENTS AND/OR SUPPLIES

LAWLER MS BAND

SCAN ME!



Brook Mays
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SUITE 200
FRISCO, TX
75033



www.BrookMays.com
Click "RENT TODAY"
Select "LAWLER" in
FRISCO ISD
Select your instrument

Instruments and/or supplies will be tagged with your child's name and stored for delivery to the school at the beginning of the new school year.

FAQ's...

Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone Specific Info:

- How much does it cost to rent an instrument? How much are the supplies?
Since the Lawler Band directors do not work for the music stores, we are not qualified to answer this question - You can find the most up to date and accurate information from the individual music stores. Instrument rentals typically cost \$40-70 per month, depending on the instrument and if it is new or used. The total for the supply packages varies wildly, so your best bet is to either look up the individual items or call the stores and ask about cost.
- Is it better to rent or purchase the instrument?
We always suggest renting the instrument! Most music stores include instrument repair as part of the rental fee, it is easy to return the instrument if your student does not continue with Band in the future, and most music stores do a rent-to-own program.
- Can I rent a used instrument from the music store?
Yes! All of the music stores on our supply list have been vetted by the Lawler Band. Renting a used instrument is a great cost effective way for your student to play on a high quality instrument
- Do I have to rent the brand of instrument that is listed on the supply list?
Yes! There are many instruments you can find that are less expensive than the ones on our list - please do not purchase these! They are of inferior quality and break easily. Your student will not sound like the other students in the class and will have a difficult time playing their instrument. The brands on our supply list have been chosen to help your student be as successful as possible so they can have fun playing their instrument
- Do we need to purchase everything on the supply list?
Yes! All of the supplies listed will help your student either play their instrument or maintain it (to prevent needed repairs). We carefully review the lists every year to make sure only the essentials are on it. We will use every item on the list!
- Can I do all this online?
Yes! The music stores have made reserving instruments and/or supplies online very easy. You can even select for it to be delivered to Lawler at the beginning of the school year. Each store has a different process, so if you need assistance, please let one of the band directors know.
- We already have the instrument. Can my student start playing on it and just kind of "figure it out" using youtube videos?

No! Please do not allow your student to start playing their instrument until they have been taught how to by a professional. We would hate for them to start building bad habits and/or accidentally damage their instrument before they learn how to handle it correctly.

- Can I buy a used instrument on ebay/craigslist/facebook marketplace, from a family friend, etc?

If it is the same brand as the instruments listed on our supply list...maybe...but please be careful. If possible, ask if you can try out the instrument before committing to purchasing it. You can then contact the Lawler Band directors to let us look it over and playtest it. We will then let you know if this is a good purchase or if you should avoid buying the instrument.

- I played *instrument* in high school and my kid is going to play *same instrument*. Can we just use that one?

Maybe...contact us and we will playtest the instrument. We will then let you know if it is of a comparable quality to the instruments the music stores provide. It will more than likely need to be serviced by a music repair shop.

- Renting an instrument and purchasing the supplies would create a financial burden for our family - what do we do?

We want all students who want to be in band have the ability to do so. If this is the case for your family, please reach out to the Lawler Band directors and we will come up with a solution for your kiddo.

Oboe, Bassoon, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba Specific Info:

- The supply list says that the instrument will be rented in the fall through FISD. How does this work?

Here's the process:

- These instruments are owned by FISD who rents them out to students to use during the school year.
 - The Lawler Band directors will assign the instrument
 - You (the parent) will fill out, sign, and turn in an instrument usage form. When you receive the email from me that the fee has opened in August, you will pay the rental fee (\$100 for the school year) in Online School Fees.
 - Your student will be given the instrument in class to use for the rest of the school year.
- Can I rent or purchase my student's instrument from a music store?
Please do not. Your student is playing a very expensive instrument and we do not want you to spend that much money until they are serious. If in the future

you want to purchase one of these instruments, please contact us or your student's private lesson teacher for guidance on the best purchase.

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- Renting the instrument from FISD and purchasing the supplies would create a financial burden for our family - what do we do?

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Percussion Specific Info

- Is it better to rent or purchase the marimba?

We always suggest renting the marimba! Most music stores include instrument repair as part of the rental fee, it is easy to return the instrument if your student does not continue with Band in the future, and most music stores do a rent-to-own program.

- Do I have to rent the brand of marimba that is listed on the supply list?

Yes! There are many instruments you can find that are less expensive than the ones on our list - please do not purchase these! They are of inferior quality and break easily. Your student will not sound like the other students in the class and will have a difficult time playing their marimba. The brands on our supply list have been chosen to help your student be as successful as possible so they can have fun playing their instrument.

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- Can I rent a used marimba from the music store?

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- Why do we have to buy the Beginner Percussion Kit? Can we just purchase all the items separately?

The items purchased through the percussion fee are specific brands, models, and editions. Our percussion teacher works carefully to make sure that your student will receive the supplies that will help them be the most successful on their instrument. Also, in the past, supply chain issues kept students from having the correct supplies in time for the start of school. Offering all of the correct percussion supplies this way ensures that all students have the items they need at the beginning of the school year.

- Renting a marimba and purchasing the beginner percussion kit would create a financial burden for our family - what do we do?

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