



Child's Name: _____

Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Parent email: _____

best phone #: _____

****(next part to be filled out by director)

My first choice of instrument AND SIZE: (circle one)

VIOLIN___ VIOLA___ CELLO___ BASS___

My second choice of instrument AND SIZE: (circle one)

VIOLIN___ VIOLA___ CELLO___ BASS___

My third choice of instrument: (circle one)

VIOLIN VIOLA CELLO BASS

This page stays with your orchestra director

If there is a conflict with your first choice, the director will contact your parents.

How To Get an Instrument

Getting an instrument is much easier and more affordable than you might think. The overwhelming majority of our students rent their instruments for the first several years. This allows time for your child to grow into a full size instrument, and time to see how committed your child will be before you make a significant financial commitment. Learning to play an instrument is difficult enough, but learning on a poor quality instrument is almost impossible. There are a handful of reputable music stores in the area, and I encourage you to rent from one of those. Most music stores' rentals are similarly priced and they rent similar quality instruments. The advantages of Bell's Music Shop are that they are very close (located nearby in Haslet and Keller), they have provided outstanding service to our families in the past, and Educational Representatives from Bell's Music Shop come to our schools on a regular basis. In the event that your child's instrument needs any kind of maintenance that will save you a trip to the music store after work. **Bell's Music Shop will be at Adams on May 6th** so that you can get your rental set up, and then they will deliver the instrument and supplies to school during the summer. However, their website makes it very easy to reserve everything online so it is not necessary to come in person. www.bellsmusicshop.com This way, everything will be ready to go on the first day of school and you do not have to worry about anything!

PLEASE - DO NOT BUY INSTRUMENTS on EBAY/Amazon or on the internet!! Internet deals can sometimes be great if you know what you're looking for. In most instances, internet instruments are TERRIBLE. They look good and they're a cheap price, but not worth whatever you are paying. These instruments are usually made of a "wood-like" material. They don't stay in tune, the bridge usually falls off on a regular basis, the cases are cheap and fall apart easily, the chin rest/tailpiece is of poor quality, the bows warp and lose the bow hair, they are difficult to play, aren't adjusted correctly, the fine tuners don't turn...the list goes on forever. Just to get these instruments to be semi-playable, you can bet on spending an extra \$200 - \$400 in repairs (which is almost always more than the instrument cost to begin with). In general, if it looks like a spectacular instrument for an especially low price - it's probably too good to be true. A general rule of thumb is that any instrument that costs less than \$250 is a complete disaster. An inferior instrument will make life difficult for your child and cause them a great deal of frustration. If you have any questions regarding instrument rental, please don't hesitate to contact the orchestra director at the school you will be attending! We are here to help make the transition to middle school as smooth as possible, and can't wait to get started with your child!

Adams MS Sara Wharry: sara.wharry@nisdtx.org



scan reserve at bellsmusicshop.com

What is the next step?

Student name _____

Once you have been properly fitted, you are ready to reserve your instrument and equipment. The information below is for you to keep but just know that we will also have this information on hand May 6th if you choose to come up in person. If you cannot come that day, you can reserve instruments and equipment online or visit their shop in person. See the reverse side of this sheet with more information about how to get an instrument.

Instrument Choice

First choice and size: _____

Second choice and size: _____



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Required Supplies Violin/Viola

Instrument / Bow / Case Rosin Polish Cloth Kun Shoulder Rest Shoulder Rest bag (if shoulder rest doesn't fit inside case)	Music stand for home practicing Clip on tuner Essential Elements Interactive for Strings Book 1
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Required Supplies Cello/Bass

Cello / Bass Instrument / Bow / Case Rosin (Pops or Carlsson rosin for bass) Polish cloth Rockstop or Xerox strap	Music stand for home practice Clip on tuner for cello / bass Essential Elements Interactive for Strings Book 1 Bass stool for home practice (29"-36")
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***** Other Fees

Students who use a school-owned instrument (cellos/basses) will pay an instrument usage fee of \$50 to cover cost of maintenance on their school cello/bass. You will keep your rented cello/bass at home for practice. All students will pay a modest Orchestra fee that covers our required shirt and binder supplies (approximately \$20). You will pay these fees at the beginning of the school year.