WHAT STUDENTS NEED AND HOW TO GET IT!

Parents,
I have listed local stores and some online for you to compare prices for renting or buying your child an instrument. If you are considering purchasing an instrument from another source, please contact me to assist you. **PAWNSHOPS and common online stores (where you purchase typical home goods) are NOT reliable sources** and often sell defective, abused, and simply unplayable instruments.
The #1 reason students lose interest is due to an instrument of poor quality that is difficult and frustrating to play. Check to see that the instruments meet the MENC standards. (Music Educators National Conference) This means the strings are appropriate distance from fingerboard, bridge is fitted, soundpost is adjusted, etc.

Local Stores

Southern String Supply
502 Wando Park Blvd #106
Mt Pleasant, SC 29464
(843) 276-9239
www.theinstrumentdoc.com

Mt. Pleasant Music
918 Lansing Dr., Bldg. F
Mt. Pleasant, SC
(843) 849-1004
www.mtpleasantmusic-sc.com

Tidewater Strings
1051 Johnnie Dodds Blvd, Suite F
Mt. Pleasant, SC
(843) 606-2586
www.tidewaterstrings.com

Music & Arts Center
975 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407
(843) 852-0900
www.musicarts.com

Charleston County Strings

Gawlik Violins
1579 Savannah Highway
Suite A
Charleston, SC 29407
https://www.gawlikstringedinstruments.com

Online Stores

Shar Music
2465 South Industrial Hwy
Ann Arbor, MI 48104
1-800-248-7427
www.sharmusic.com

Southwest Strings
1721 S. Cherrybell Strav
Tucson AZ, 85713
1-800-528-3430
www.swstrings.com

Stringworks
www.stringworks.com

Baroque Violin Shop
www.baroqueviolinshop.com

IN addition to an instrument, students need:

1. Rosin (Violin, Viola, and Cello can use the same rosin. Bass rosin is different!)
2. A soft cloth in their case to wipe off excess rosin (old t-shirt or washcloth is fine)
3. VIOLIN AND VIOLA ONLY-- shoulder rest
   I recommend Kun or Artino. Everests are cheaper, but the “rubber feet” break off easily.
4. CELLO AND BASS ONLY--rock stop or end pin belt