

## 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](http://www.theinstrumentdoc.com)

**Music & Arts Center**  
975 Savannah Highway  
Charleston, SC 29407  
(843) 852-0900  
[www.musicarts.com](http://www.musicarts.com)

**Mt. Pleasant Music**  
918 Lansing Dr., Bldg. F  
Mt. Pleasant, SC  
(843) 849-1004  
[www.mtpleasantmusic-sc.com](http://www.mtpleasantmusic-sc.com)



**Tidewater Strings**  
1051 Johnnie Dodds Blvd, Suite F  
Mt. Pleasant, SC  
(843) 606-2586  
[www.tidewaterstrings.com](http://www.tidewaterstrings.com)

**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](http://www.sharmusic.com)

**Southwest Strings**  
1721 S. Cherrybell Strav  
Tucson AZ, 85713  
1-800-528-3430  
[www.swstrings.com](http://www.swstrings.com)

**Stringworks**  
[www.stringworks.com](http://www.stringworks.com)

**Baroque Violin Shop**  
[www.baroqueviolinshop.com](http://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