

FAQ'S On Starting Instruments

- 1. What if my child already plays a band or string instrument?*
Sign them up for that instrument and indicate that they already play it. They will be given their first choice.
- 2. If my child plays a large instrument, do they have to bring it back and forth to school?*
Yes and no. They will rent one for home practice and bring it in only for concerts. There are cellos, basses, trombones, baritones, French horns, and percussion available for use at school. Cellos must be brought to school once a week for tuning and adjustment.
- 3. Where do students keep instruments during the day?*
Wind and brass instruments will be kept in the student's homerooms. Stringed instruments need to be brought and left in the orchestra room before school so they can be turned prior to class. Larger instruments such as French horns, trombones, baritones, and percussion, will be in the music room already.
- 4. What if my child chooses a wind instrument and will be getting braces?*
This is common. Check with our orthodontist to see if playing a particular wind instrument will interfere with the braces.
- 5. What is the advantage of renting through Q&F versus getting an instrument of my own?*
Convenience and options, basically. Q&F is the music vendor that services our school. For winds, brass, and percussion, you have the opportunity to rent the instrument with the option to buy it. If for some reason it is decided that the instrument chosen for your child was not a good match, there's the opportunity to trade it in for another instrument choice. For string instruments, Q&F will deliver replacement instruments as the student grows. They also come every Thursday to pick up and deliver instruments for repair. Q&F offers a maintenance and repair (M&R) agreement (for purchase each year) even after the instrument is fully purchased.
- 6. If I purchase my instrument or already have an instrument that needs repair, can I take it to Q&F to have the work done?*
Yes, however, without a maintenance and repair agreement, they will not be able to work on the instrument until the estimated dollar amount of the repair has been approved by a parent or guardian. (If they cannot reach you by phone, they will mail the estimate to you and wait for your response.)
- 7. In addition to the instrument, what else will my child need?*
A music stand, a band or orchestra book, and a name tag.

The following is a list of relevant supplies for various instruments. These items may also be ordered thru the school's music vendor, Quinlan & Fabish, on-line www.qandf.com, or 1-800-63-SOUSA (1-800-637-6872) with a credit card. The items will then be shipped either to school or your residence.

Flute

cleaning rods

Oboe

reeds (app. \$10 each)

cork grease

Trumpet

valve oil

French horn

valve oil

Percussion

drumsticks (in pairs)

Strings

strings and rosin

cello endpin collars

violin and viola shoulder rests

Clarinet

single clarinet reeds

clarinet reed guards

cork grease

cleaning swabs

Alto Saxophone

single alto sax reeds

alto sax reed guards

cork grease

Trombone

slide oil

Baritone

valve oil