

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Orchestra PROGRAM SIGN-UP 2024–2025

Dear Parents / Guardians,

This letter is to inform you that **Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass** lessons will be offered as part of the regular school curriculum for students entering the 4th or 5th grade for the **2024-2025** school year. In this packet you will find all the rental information you need! Please thoroughly read through all of the information in this packet.

All lessons will be given in school, without charge. Students will miss class on one day of the week – once for a group lesson during the day; and then second time for full orchestra rehearsal at the end of the day. The group lesson rotates time slots on a weekly basis, so your child will not miss the same class from week to week. The orchestra rehearsal happens during a free period so no instruction is missed.

You will be responsible for providing an instrument and a lesson book for your child. The goal by the end of the year is for students to be able to read music, understand basic music theory, and perform with the school orchestra.

This can be an intimidating excursion for both student and parent. This is a packet with all the necessary information regarding the rental process for an instrument.

In order to assure an early start in September, we are asking that parents and students make their decision at this time as to whether or not they wish to participate in this program.

To expedite the sign-up process and improve communication I have created a Microsoft Form. If you or your child would like to participate in the band program this school year, scan the QR Code.

Registration QR Code:



If you are having trouble signing up please contact: **CCorigliano@WTPS.org**

Washington Township Music Department Orchestra Program

Dear Parents/Guardians,

How to rent an Instrument:

Music & Arts Center provides rental services to each of our schools, including provision of district recommended instruments, accessories, lesson books, supplies, and repairs. A representative from **Music & Arts Center** visits the district each week. We have had an excellent working relationship with **Music & Arts Center** for over 25 years. Parents are assured of quality instruments, timely repairs and quality service.

Place your order online: [Music & Arts Rental Page](#) (see attached instructions)

Place your order in person:

- Go to Old Town Music, which is a satellite store for Music & Arts
- Go to Music & Arts store in Marlton

Parents who would rather acquire an instrument from another source may do so, but we **urge** you to consult Mr. Hoblitzell, the orchestra teacher, first. It is critical to your children's success that instruments meet minimum quality standards. **PLEASE DO NOT BUY A "BARGAIN" INSTRUMENT; THAT MIGHT HINDER YOUR CHILD'S MUSICAL SUCCESS!** (*find out more on page 3*)

REMINDERS

- Each student must have a lesson book (**Essential Elements For Strings: Book 1 By: Michael Allen, Robert Gillespie, Pamela Tellejohn Hayes**)
- A music stand is needed for home practice.
 - **On page 5 you will see a more detailed list of all required materials for class**
 - Please remember that, with daily practice...every child can succeed in this program.



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Instrumental Music Programs

THE IMPORTANCE OF A QUALITY MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

To the Parents/Guardians of Beginning Orchestra Students:

As a performing member of the band or orchestra, an important tool in the improvement of your child's playing ability is his/her instrument. The instrument is the vehicle that brings the total musical experience to life. Though they may all look alike, rest assured that a good musical instrument can go a long way toward making the musical experience a positive one. As teachers, we have experienced how certain versions of instruments can inhibit the progress of a student. We find that students who play a better-quality instrument often find playing to be easier, their sound to be better and band or orchestra class to be more enjoyable.

There are many quality instruments from which to choose. If you are interested in making an investment in your child's music education, please consider the rental or purchase of a quality musical instrument. String students have a variety of makes and models to choose from. **If you find other brands you like, please get in touch with someone you trust for advice.** In addition, string students must use an appropriately sized instrument. Your school's string director will measure your child to ensure that they use an appropriately sized instrument. As your child grows, larger sizes will be necessary. Rental programs typically allow you to trade up to larger sizes as your child grows, without additional cost.

If you choose to purchase an instrument from an individual or non-traditional music store, be sure to inquire about warranty, support and availability of loaner instruments in the event a repair is needed. For various reasons, including the availability of parts, some traditional music stores may not repair instruments purchased in non-traditional music stores. Purchasing an auction-type instrument, whether new or used, can also be problematic. Some instruments may be in good shape however most instruments, especially older ones, require a visual and playing inspection to accurately ascertain their quality and playability. A used instrument frequently requires repair and set-up to make it playable. This can add significantly to the overall cost.

For more information, please contact your child's string specialist, consult your child's private music instructor or visit one of the local music stores that provide quality instruments.

Thanks again for supporting your child's participation in band and orchestra.

Sincerely,

Visual & Performing Arts Supervisor

Casey Corigliano

ONLINE BAND AND ORCHESTRA RENTALS

1. Go to www.musicarts.com
2. Click the “rentals” tab at the top of the home page
3. Enter your zip code- example: 08080
4. Select Student attends a public, private or other traditional school
5. Select student grade level from the drop down menu
6. Example: 5 for 5th grade
7. and click “Continue”
8. Click on your School
9. Click on Instrument your child will be playing
10. *Select Fall Delivery And click “continue”
11. Select either 4.5 month or 10 Month Trial Period. Click Continue
12. The Book we use will automatically be added to your order and is required. Click continue
13. Fill out the personal information Continue to check out.
14. Ship to School is automatically selected. If you would like to pick up your instrument at the store click on ship to store. The closest store to us is Old Towne Music in Turnersville.
15. Fill out the rest of the required information and review and place order. You will receive an email confirmation of your order.

Questions?

Music & Arts Customer Service: 888.731.5396

Music & Arts Marlton: 856.985.5557

Old Towne Music Turnersville: 856.228.0003

(Old Towne Music is a Music & Arts store affiliate)

MUSIC & ARTS RENTALS

MUSICIANS MADE HERE



BACK TO SCHOOL

STARTING AT

\$14.99

2 MONTH
INTRODUCTORY OFFER

LIMITED TIME OFFER

STARTING AT

\$149.00

10 MONTH
INTRODUCTORY OFFER

EASILY RENT FROM ANYWHERE USING YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

**GET
STARTED**



FLEXIBLE PICK-UP AND DELIVERY OPTIONS



SHIPPED
TO YOU



FREE DELIVERY
TO YOUR SCHOOL



PICK UP AT 500+
RETAIL LOCATIONS

GET MORE AT MUSIC & ARTS

- DEDICATED SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES
- TEACHER-APPROVED BRANDS: NEW & CERTIFIED
- AFFORDABLE RATES START WITH INTRODUCTORY DISCOUNTS
- 100% OF PAYMENTS COUNT TOWARD OWNERSHIP
- FREE RETURNS OR EXCHANGES WITHOUT PENALTY
- MAINTENANCE & REPAIR OPTIONS KEEP STUDENTS PLAYING

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MusicArts.com

INSTRUMENT RENTAL DONE YOUR WAY

Get started and pick-up at your preferred location by scanning the QR code or visit MusicArts.com/Rentals for other options.



SCAN ME

FREE LESSON BOOK INCLUDED WITH RENTAL PLACED ONLINE

Please Choose pick up at Old Towne Music during check out

5101 Rt. 42, Black Horse Pk., Turnersville, NJ

STARTING AT
\$14.99*

INITIAL PAYMENT COVERS 2 MONTH(S)
\$32/MONTH THEREAFTER

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:
\$.01 FOR 2 MONTH(S)
\$9/MONTH THEREAFTER

STARTING AT
\$24.99*

INITIAL PAYMENT COVERS 2 MONTH(S)
\$42/MONTH THEREAFTER

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:
\$.01 FOR 2 MONTH(S)
\$11/MONTH THEREAFTER

STARTING AT
\$49.99*

INITIAL PAYMENT COVERS 2 MONTH(S)
\$65/MONTH THEREAFTER

REPAIR & MAINTENANCE PROGRAM:
\$.01 FOR 2 MONTH(S)
\$14/MONTH THEREAFTER



FLUTE



LACQUER TRUMPET



PERCUSSION KIT



VIOLA



CLARINET



TROMBONE



VIOLIN



ALTO SAXOPHONE



CELLO



OBOE



STRING BASS



LACQUER TRUMPET



BARITONE/EUPHONIUM



TENOR SAXOPHONE

*The trial period option(s) serve as a one-time introduction, so that the student can obtain an excellent quality instrument for a minimal fee. It is the minimum length of the rental agreement, and this period is non-refundable, even if you return the instrument early. Prices do not include taxes, insurance, shipping and delivery options may vary in your area and pricing may differ depending on when you visit www.musicarts.com/rentals. Additional restrictions and exclusions may apply. For questions, please contact MusicArts at 800-751-5396 or 853-721-3076 (español).

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Orchestra Class Supplies List

Instrument	Book: Standard of Excellence Book 1	Class Materials	Home Materials
Violin	Essential Elements For Strings: Book 1 for Violin By: Michael Allen, Robert Gillespie, Pamela Tellejohn Hayes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pencil ● Folder ● 3-Ring 1” Binder ● 5 Tab Dividers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wire Music Stand
Viola	Essential Elements For Strings: Book 1 for Viola By: Michael Allen, Robert Gillespie, Pamela Tellejohn Hayes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pencil ● Folder ● 3-Ring 1” Binder ● 5 Tab Dividers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wire Music Stand
Cello	Essential Elements For Strings: Book 1 for Cello By: Michael Allen, Robert Gillespie, Pamela Tellejohn Hayes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pencil ● Folder ● 3-Ring 1” Binder ● 5 Tab Dividers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wire Music Stand
Double Bass	Essential Elements For Strings: Book 1 for Double Bass By: Michael Allen, Robert Gillespie, Pamela Tellejohn Hayes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pencil ● Folder ● 3-Ring 1” Binder ● 5 Tab Dividers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Wire Music Stand