

DPS Suns Instrument Information

Year 2017-2018

Recommended Instruments for Beginning Band Students:

Trombone, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Baritone or Tuba.

Percussion & Bass Guitar: Due to the unique aspects of percussion instruments and the bass guitar, these instruments have certain restrictions. Please see separate sheet enclosed in your First Day Packet. Also, please note: bass players are only allowed in Beginning and Concert Band.

Music Book: ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS 2000 Book #1 (for their instrument). Students will also need a music stand for practicing at home.

Instrument Rentals: **GOOD NEWS!** It is not necessary to purchase an instrument immediately. You may rent instruments from local music stores. The cost for rentals is approximately \$20 to \$35 per month for flutes, clarinets, trombones and trumpets and \$40 to \$65 for Saxophones. Percussionists will need to purchase mallets or sticks (size 2A or 5B) and a practice pad. Some stores also offer rent-to-own options.

***SAN DIEGO MUSIC EXCHANGE**

985, Civic Centre Dr., Ave #102, Vista, CA 92083 (Take Civic Center Dr. exit off the 78)
(760) 630-7451

***SAN DIEGO MUSIC STUDIO**

423 S. Las Posas Rd., San Marcos, CA 92078 • (760) 761-0055

***B&H MUSIC**

354 E. Grand Ave., Escondido, CA • (760) 480-1511

Instrument Purchases: There are many options out there to purchase new and used instruments. I will list a few but I need to mention that you will encounter a wide range of prices. Even as low as \$50 for a new instrument! I am not going to say not to go that direction as I have seen those instruments serve the students well. However, more often than not, those instruments create problems that discourage young students. When instruments get handled by students, often their keys get out of alignment. Music repairmen will not work on these inexpensive instruments as their keys often break. Below are places to look for new and used instruments (in addition to the stores listed above.)

craigslist.com

musiciansbuyline.com

amazon.com

reverb.com

ebay.com

WWBW.com

If you are looking to buy a new or used instrument, note the brand and feel free to ask Mr. McGhee. Charlie.mcghee@smusd.org

ATTENTION PERCUSSIONISTS and BASS GUITAR PLAYERS

Mr. McGhee recommends all Beginning Band students start out on a band instrument, such as: trumpet, clarinet, flute, saxophone, French horn, trombone, baritone or tuba.

Due to limited physical space in the classroom and limited amplifier capacity, **beginning band classes can only accommodate 5 bass guitar players and 5 drummers per beginning band class.** In addition, each student player **MUST** be enrolled in private lessons throughout the year. Proof of enrollment in private lessons will be required.

Local Private Teachers:

DRUMS:

Steve Wright	(760) 613-3435
San Diego Music Exchange	(760) 630-7451
Zach Elliott	(760) 470-0401

BASS GUITAR:

San Diego Music Exchange	(760) 630-7451
San Diego Music Studio	(760) 761-0055

*****Also please refer to the band website for an updated list of current bass instructors. doublepeakmusic.org**