

## How do I get an Instrument?

The music staff strongly recommends that you RENT, not purchase, an instrument for your student at the beginning stages of his/her training.

Parents are encouraged to rent a quality instrument that plays in tune and that is serviceable at a local music store. Discount stores and Internet purchases often result in student frustration. Many times the metal is too soft and the instrument only lasts about 2 months. It cannot be repaired.

An instrument repair shop should check family instrument "hand-me-downs". Instrument problems are not always visible and students become discouraged by instruments that appear fine, but have problems that are not visible.

**String instruments need to be sized to the student:**

Violin size	Arm length
4/4	23"
3/4	22"
1/2	20"

List of local music stores in the area to assist you:

**Danville Music** (925) 743-0898  
115-E Town & Country Dr., Danville

**A&G Music** (510) 832-0381  
564 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland

**C&L Music** (925) 686-6122  
2395 Monument Blvd., Concord

**J A M S Music** (925) 828-5267  
7282 San Ramon Blvd., Dublin

**Forrests Music** (510) 845-7178  
1849 University Ave. Berkeley

**Ifshin Violin** (510) 843-5486  
1633 University Ave., Berkeley

**Ingram & Brauns Musik Shoppe**  
(925) 462-3667  
3160 Santa Rita Rd., Pleasanton

**If you have difficulty obtaining an instrument please contact me at [kangle@srvusd.net](mailto:kangle@srvusd.net)**