

Instrument Rental Contract

All students who use a school instrument will agree to have repairs (if needed during the year) done at Wally's Music Shop on their own time and money. Contact Mr. Arnold if this is an issue. This is so that students in the future can also play these instruments. Parents will not attempt to repair instruments and may be held responsible for damages incurred if repairs are attempted. Wally's does a quality job with repairs and their pricing is fair. Instruments are due back before school ends. Students who wish to rent their instruments during the summer will have to agree to a separate contract.

Families will be billed for instruments that are lost or stolen. This happens when students leave their instrument unattended outside of the band room. Instruments should be kept in their *band* locker or a safe place at home. Instruments stolen or lost *outside of the band room* will be the responsibility of the student's family. This includes your car. It also includes other locations in the school (outside of classrooms, in the hallway, in the locker room, in front of the office, etc.) *Instruments are not cheap. They are worth anywhere between \$500 and \$6,000! Sometimes even more. It should be noted that the majority of instruments owned by the school are worth less than 1,000\$.*

*****Families will be billed for school instruments that are damaged beyond "normal wear and tear." This is ultimately up to the discretion of the band director, although here are some basic guidelines for defining "major damage" and "normal wear and tear."

Major damage

- Cracked/broken main joint pieces
- Moving parts damaged to the point of being immovable without force (trombone slides, stuck valves, woodwind keys, etc)
- Dents/warpings larger than a square inch
- Holes in instruments
- Disconnected soldering

Normal wear and tear:

- Trombone slides slightly out of alignment (but still movable with proper lubrication)
- Disintegrating cork (clarinets)
- Dents smaller than one square inch (brass instruments)
- Leaky or rotten pads (flute, clarinet, saxophone, etc)

Please encourage your student to take care of their instrument and enforce this at home. If instruments are treated with respect, there won't be any problems. Instruments should never be left unattended unless in a safe place at home or in their band locker. These instruments have many small, delicate, moving parts that can be damaged by forcing foreign objects (music etc.) into the case, dropping the instrument, roughly handling the instrument, and not

maintaining the instrument. Woodwind players should be swabbing out their instrument after every use. Brass instruments should be applying valve/slide oil once a week. Students will be taught how to do these things during class. **AT NO TIME SHOULD STUDENTS BE CHEWING GUM, DRINKING ANYTHING BUT WATER, OR EATING FOOD BEFORE/DURING PLAYING.** This will damage the instrument and potentially harm the student. Have them brush their teeth if they want to play immediately after eating, drinking, or chewing gum. Help us prevent the spread of mold.

Student Name: _____
(please print, then sign below)

Parent Name: _____
(please print, then sign below)

Address _____
(Street, City, State, Zip code)

Home/Cell Number: _____

Instrument Type: _____
(Example: Trombone, Trumpet, etc.)

*****Again, families will be billed for school instruments that are damaged beyond “normal wear and tear.” This is ultimately up to the discretion of the band director. If the instrument is stolen or lost, the family will be responsible for paying for the value of the instrument deemed by the band director. **This can be far and above 500\$ depending on the instrument.**

Your student cannot rent an instrument through the school without turning this contract in to me.