



Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda UFSD 2023-2024 Music Instrument Rentals

4th grade Instrumental Music

Parents/Guardians,

Your child is about to begin a new and exciting phase of their education: learning to play a musical instrument! Learning an instrument does not always come easy, which can be difficult for a youngster to understand. It takes careful practice, time and dedication to develop the skills needed to be successful. When both teacher and parent provide encouragement, patience, and understanding, learning to play a musical instrument can be a successful and enjoyable experience. Please read and discuss the following expectations with your child before making the commitment to play a musical instrument.

- Playing an instrument is a year-long commitment.
- Weekly lessons, rehearsals, and concerts must be attended.
- Students must bring their instrument and materials to lessons and rehearsals. *Please note: Students who play large instruments (cello, bass, french horn, trombone, and baritone) will have one home instrument and one school instrument.*
- Orchestra & Band start in January, during the school-day.
- Proper care of the instrument is expected
- Consistent practice: 20 minutes of practice 4 times a week (total of 80 min.)

4th grade Instrumental Music Recruitment Plan for 2023-24:

1. Music teachers will show students instrument demonstrations during class. Optional: you are encouraged to watch videos made by the BPO with your child to discuss the instruments. bpo.org/play-on-wny
2. During school students will be asked to pick three instruments that they are interested in playing.
3. Students will meet with their music teacher individually to narrow down their choices to the instrument that best fits them.
4. The music teacher will notify the students and parents/guardians of the instrument that the student has been placed on. The \$40 Rental fee will be paid for through the Community Education Department.
5. The music department's goal is to give all students the experience of playing a musical instrument. We want to work with the student and parents to choose the right instrument for the child while maintaining balanced instrumentation in the band and orchestra. Therefore, if you decide to pay the rental fee before your child is placed on an instrument please choose TBD from the drop down menu.

Rental Information:

All Students in 4th grade have the option of renting an instrument from the District, for a \$40 rental fee. Students that play instruments that are too large for the bus (french horn, baritone, cello and string bass) may pay one rental fee to the District and will receive one instrument to use at home and one to use at school.

Band Instruments that can be rented from the district for 4th grade ONLY: flute, oboe, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, french horn, trombone, baritone/euphonium and percussion kits.

Orchestra Instruments that can be rented from the district for 4th grade ONLY: Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass

District Rental Policy:

Students in grades 5-12 are expected to provide their own instrument—either by rental from a music store or purchase. The only instruments for students in grades 5-12 that are guaranteed to be rented out from the school (for a \$40 rental fee) are: piccolo, oboe, bassoon, bass clarinet, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, french horn, baritone/euphonium, tuba, and string bass. Students that play the trombone or cello may rent one from the district for use in school and should obtain one for use at home. Students that play instruments that are too large for the bus (tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, baritone/euphonium, tuba and string bass) may pay one rental fee to the District and will receive one instrument to use at home and one to use at school.

If you are considering purchasing an instrument please contact the music teacher for a list of recommended instrument brands. It is very important that you choose a quality brand when purchasing a musical instrument. Unfortunately, there are many off-brands available today that are not good choices for purchase. Some of these off-brands cannot even be repaired when they become broken, because the necessary parts to repair them are not available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's music teacher.

Hoover Elementary

Orchestra: Mrs. Odrobina

EOdrobina@ktufsd.org

Band: Ms. Regan - ARegan@ktufsd.org

Holmes Elementary

Orchestra/Band: Ms. Aurigema

MAurigema@ktufsd.org

Franklin Elementary:

Orchestra/Band - Ms. Regan -

ARegan@ktufsd.org

Lindbergh Elementary:

Orchestra/Band: Mrs. DelBello

MDelBello@ktufsdg.org

Edison Elementary:

Orchestra - Ms. Beiter - JBeiter@ktufsd.org

Band - Ms. Aurigema -

MAurigema@ktufsd.org

The rental fee will be collected through the Community Education Department instead of the music teacher.

Rental Fee deadline: October 2nd

The below waiver **only** needs to be signed and mailed to Community Education if you are choosing the paper/mail-in registration option. If you register ONLINE using the Community Education online registration website, your waiver will be signed electronically! We **highly** recommend you register online so you receive an immediate receipt acknowledging payment and registration for the music program of your choice.

1. Online Registration: <https://register.ktufsd.org/wconnect/ace/home.htm>
2. Click on “Program” then “School Instrument Rental - KTUFSD Students Only ”
3. Find your child's specific school/grade/instrument group



Should you still prefer to mail your registration and payment in, please print the below waiver and sign.

- a. Complete the registration form and waiver found here:
<https://www.ktufsd.org/Page/19204>
- b. Mail registration form, signed waiver, and a check made out to Ken-Ton UFSD:
Community Education Department
155 Delaware Road, Room 122
Buffalo, New York 14217

Application & Rental Agreement

For use of a school-owned instrument

School _____ School Year _____

We, the undersigned, make application for the loan of a school instrument outfit from the Board of Education and hereby agree to the following conditions:

- The instrument outfit will be properly cared for while in our possession.
- We will pay for any damage done to the instrument outfit while used by us.
- We will be responsible for the full appraised value of the instrument outfit in case of loss, theft or irreparable damage.
- The instrument outfit will be returned in good order at the close of the current school year or at such time as the student named below may cease to be a member of the school class.
- We will notify the school authorities of any change of address.
- The student will attend all class lessons, as scheduled by the teacher.
- We will see that the student adheres to a weekly practice schedule, and prepares all assignments to the best of their ability.
- When recommended by the teacher, the student will join appropriate school musical ensembles and will participate fully in their scheduled activities.

Signature of parent or guardian: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Date of Application _____

Student's Name _____ Grade _____

----- **For office use** -----

Instrument Serial No. _____ Make _____

Condition _____ Replacement Value \$ _____

The Rental Fee for the school year (September - June) is \$ _____ and is nonrefundable.

Please make checks payable to "Kenmore Town of Tonawanda UFSD"-----

Rental Fee Paid (date) _____ Received by _____