

How and Where to Get an Instrument

For Camp this Summer

- White House of Music has graciously offered to provide instruments free of charge to any students that would like to come to our camp in August. There is paperwork (or an online form) to fill out and they will need credit card information just for legal protection, but you will not be charged anything for use of the instrument during camp. If you decide to continue on into the school year, billing will start at the end of camp. A representative from White House of Music will be here that week to set things up or to answer any questions you may have.
- If you have an instrument already or are able to borrow one from friends or family, please make sure you have it checked out by a trained instrument repairperson. There may be small things not visible to you that will hinder your child's progress on his or her instrument. Having an instrument in good playing shape will eliminate potential problems for students (and parents)!

For the Upcoming School Year

- White House of Music has a rental program available for families that don't have an instrument and aren't ready to purchase one. For more information, please contact your local White House of Music or visit their rental link: <https://www.whmintune.com/ajaxrental/stepone.aspx>.
- As mentioned above, if you already have an instrument or are able to borrow one, please make sure it is checked over by a professional repairperson to eliminate potential problems.
- Some families have had success with the classified ads, eBay and Craigslist. One thing to keep in mind with that option is that there may be small to significant repairs that need to be made once you own the instrument. It is important to remember to get any used instrument checked out by a trained professional before school starts.
- Stores like Best Buy, Walmart and Sam's Club do sell instruments much cheaper than other places, but you need to know there is a reason they are much cheaper. Many times repair or replacement parts are unattainable for those instruments. You may spend less at the beginning, but will most likely need to spend more money in repairs or may not even have the option of having repairs made, but instead need to buy a new instrument.
- KML has some of the bigger instruments available for a small rental fee. These instruments include bass clarinet, tenor and baritone saxophone, French horn, baritone and tuba. If you are interested in one of these instruments, please contact Mr. Amundson.