

4th Grade Instrumental Music Program

Mr. Peter Head - Band Teacher

Where can I get the rental instrument, book and supplies?

- There are local music companies that will have instruments to rent and supplies available for purchase.
- It is up to you to obtain the instrument, book and supplies necessary to participate in the program.
- I am providing the following information as a courtesy. Please look to your yellow pages for additional music stores located in the area.

Area Music Stores that students have used in the past:

Alto Music (Middletown) 180 Carpenter Ave Middletown, NY 845-692-6922	Alto Music (Monsey) 99 Route 59 Monsey, NY 10952 845-352-6717	Mobile Music 554 Route 17 M Monroe, NY 845-783-4613
Robbie's Music City 280-D Route 17 South Mahwah, NJ 07430 201-529-3860	Van Gelder Music 562 Route 17 M Monroe, NY 845-774-4300	Victor's Music & Arts* 762 Route 17N Paramus, NJ 07652 1-800-834-8016

*a representative from this store comes to the school weekly for deliveries & pickups

Please make arrangements for the instrument, book and supplies by September 1st.
We will begin lessons the first full week of school.

Basic Necessities:

Every Band student **needs** the following:

1. The instrument (if a repair plan is not included, I recommend getting it)
2. The method book, **Essential Elements 2000 plus DVD - Book 1** for their instrument
3. The supplies specific to the instrument (see attached pages)
4. Music Stand (a folding metal stand is fine. Some companies include this with the rental)
5. A Pencil.

Additional Recommended items:

Every Band student should consider the following:

6. **SmartMusic** (School-Sponsored Home Subscription is **only \$25 for the entire year** and includes the full Book 1 & 2, some full band pieces and other features) Essential Elements 2000 *plus* DVD includes SmartMusic only up to example #99 in the book. SmartMusic is a computer practice tool that will tell you if you are playing the right notes and rhythms. You can record your practice and send me the results. It also has a built in **Tuner, Metronome, Solos** and other exercises. (You need a microphone attached to your computer to get the most out of this program. SmartMusic offers them if you don't have one) Goto <http://smartmusic.com/> and use the code **TUXEDOMUSIC**
7. A **metronome**: a small electronic device that keeps a steady beat, which aids in practicing.
8. Cleaning/Care kits. This can make the regular maintenance of the instrument easier.