

String Instrument Brands

It is very important for a beginning string student to use an instrument which responds well and is properly set up to develop fine motor skills. The instrument brands have been found to work well for our 5th grade string students. These instruments are durable, of good quality, and cost effective over an extended period of time. When purchasing an instrument, the visual observance of a fully operational repair shop for strings should be evident. Please contact your elementary music instructor regarding any purchasing questions.

Instrument Brands That Performed Well For Past Students:

*Klaus Mueller
Knilling
Scherl & Roth
Lewis
Glaesel
Becker
Antonio Strad
Eastman
Terra Nova
Kindy
Hillje*

Instrument Brands That Did Not Perform Well For Our Past Students:

*Breton
Conservarte
Lark
Suzuki
Palantion*

- While online purchases may appear to save money, the inability to play the instrument, assess the response of the instrument, and to visually observe a repair shop might place your child at a disadvantage after purchase is made.

New Instrument Purchase

Consult your telephone directory for available music companies/stores. Make certain store has a repair shop. Inquire about the warranty. Make sure rosin and cleaning cloth are part of the purchase. Violins should include a hard shell case and bow. Lease / purchase options are excellent for students entering the string program.

Used Instrument Purchase

Used instruments are an excellent way for students to enter into our program and allow parents the opportunity to see if the interest level continues. Consult your telephone directory and newspaper for available music companies/stores and individuals that handle used instrument purchases. *Make sure the instrument is checked carefully by a trained string musician. NISD staff will be glad to assess the instrument of interest to you.*

Instrument Rental

Rented instruments are an excellent way for students to enter into our program and allow parents the opportunity to see if the interest level continues. Consult your telephone directory for companies that are advertising rentals. Excellent repair services are attached to quality rental programs. Rental prices will vary from store to store. Take time to research and inquire, but there are excellent programs available.

Remember: A good quality instrument sets the student up for success. A poor quality instrument can only set a child up for failure.