

Pearson Academy Music Department , Mrs. Lovendale

Dear Parents and Guardians, I am happy that you and your child have expressed an interest in our instrumental music / band program. The fifth graders were treated to a demonstration by the 7th and 8th grade band this week and had a opportunity to see and hear the instruments in context. It was very exciting. At the end of this year the new fifth grade band will march in the Pet Parade and perform in a concert for you!

Here is the rental information you requested;

Pearson school does NOT rent instruments. The school provides a few large instruments but those are rarely available to beginners.

This rental information is provided for your convenience and comparison. You may use any store that suits you.

The nearest store which has a full rental and repair program is “Georges Music” in Torrington. It is on Rte 4 right near Walmart. You can go there and they will help you fill out the forms, take your payment, and give you the instrument.

I am attaching a rental form from another company called **Music and Arts**. This company has several stores , including 2 in Avon. Also, they are providing us with a **free delivery service for your convenience**. A representative comes to Pearson every Monday afternoon. **You can order instruments or any accessories from them by mail or on line and it will be delivered to the school.**

When you compare programs here are a few things to look for;

How many months is the initial trial period? How much is the initial fee? And then how much is the monthly fee to continue?

Is “Loss/ damage” insurance included or extra? **You want to have this.**

Is there a discount if you start renting and then decide to buy the instrument? Is all your rental money going toward this purchase?

Please also buy the book “Accent on Achievement” book one

IMPORTANT for students.

DO NOT TOUCH the instrument until I show you how to assemble it safely. I hate to send something for repair before it is even played.

BRING the instrument to me the next morning by 8:40 and I will set up a lesson.

If you are having your instrument delivered, I will contact you when it arrives.

Learning to play an instrument takes effort. You will have homework every night. It is called “practicing”. You will have an assignment in the book every week. At first it is difficult and doesn’t sound so good but the work soon pays off and we will be playing real tunes in just a few weeks. That is exciting!

. Since I teach in 2 schools and several rooms, the easiest way to contact me is to send a note. I am here to help and eager to start this exciting new venture!

Mrs. J. Lovendale

A note on “extras”

Flutes need cleaning rod and cloth.

Clarinets need cleaning swab, cork grease, mouthpiece cover and at least 3 **#2 reeds**.

Saxophones need neck strap, cleaning swab, cork grease, mouthpiece cover, at least 3 **#2 reeds**

Trumpets need valve oil

Trombones need slide oil

Percussion need snare drum practice pad, 2B sticks, small xylophone (see me)

If you are renting, these should be included except for the number of reeds. If you prefer not to purchase a box of 10 reeds, I will buy a few boxes and students can purchase single reeds from me.

Clarinet reeds are \$1.30 each, alto sax reeds are \$ 1.70 each.

Music stands are excellent. For wind instruments proper playing position is imperative for a good sound. If you can't get the stand now, it makes a great gift.

Beginners do **not need to purchase “care kits”**. The list above is all that is required for care of a new instrument.