

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENTRental of Musical Instruments

The district shall purchase only those instruments which, because of cost and/or unsuitability as a solo instrument, are not likely to be purchased by parents and yet are needed for full instrumentation of school music groups. Such instruments shall be rented with the fee used to help cover maintenance costs, except when the rental instrument is in addition to an instrument that is already owned or rented by the student. Arrangements shall be made for the reduction/waiver of fees for students whose families, by reason of income, would have difficulty paying the fee. The USDA child nutrition program guidelines shall be used to determine qualification for a reduction/waiver. Parents shall be notified of the availability of fee reduction/waivers. Rental instruments shall be used only in preparation for and playing in school organizations. The user shall be responsible for any damage to the instrument which might occur while it is in his/her care.

The superintendent shall establish a rental fee for school-owned instruments.

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This policy is optional. Instruments such as drums, tubas, etc. are necessary for a band but are not likely to be purchased by a student. A nominal rental fee could be charged to cover costs of maintaining school-owned instruments. However, the district should consider that the "tuba player" is likely to be playing that instrument as a favor to the band. He/she probably has already invested in another instrument and has the capacity to play both. Unless some "need" criteria are established, the school should charge a rental fee equivalent to the music store's for all the school-owned instruments which are typically rented or owned by the student, thus avoiding subsidizing some students.