

Obtaining Instruments

Please contact Socha's Band Instrument Repair to rent/purchase instruments. He has great "rent to own" contracts with low monthly fees.

Socha's Band Instrument Repair, 7913 Akron Road, Lockport, NY 14094,
phone # (716) 525-3317, www.sochasbandrepair.com

Do not purchase cheap woodwind or brass instruments through box/department stores (such as Walmart and BJ's) or Amazon. These instruments are poor quality and have a lot of issues. The price tags are attractive, but you get what you paid for. If you want to save money, check out the used instrument inventory at Northtown Music in Cheektowaga (716-838-3835). You can find great used instruments there at affordable prices.

Socha may also have used instruments available at a cheaper price. Please inquire if this is something you are interested in.

French Horns, Baritones and Tubas are available from the school for FREE. You simply need to sign a loan agreement stating that you will take responsibility for the instrument, which includes maintenance and repair, while in your possession. Instruments are returned when you go up to the middle school (another instrument will be assigned to you there, through their inventory), move, or drop band.

If your child has their heart set on playing an instrument other than the french horn, baritone or tuba, but you have financial difficulties, please let me know and I will arrange to get you an instrument through our community donation program. This information is confidential. Community members have donated instruments to our school for this exact reason. These instruments are used, but we clean and repair them before they are loaned out to a student. Inventory can run low and not all instruments may be available. Wilson CSD is always accepting community donations of band instruments and supplies. Please spread the word!

If you own an instrument already, please have Socha clean and perform general maintenance on it to ensure that the instrument is sanitary and in good working order for the start of school in September.

Elementary Band Supply List

All supplies can be purchased from Amazon, or from local music stores such as-

Socha's Band Instrument Repair, 247 Market Street, Lockport, NY 14094,
phone # (716) 525-3317, www.sochasbandrepair.com

Northtown Music, 3648 Harlem Road, Buffalo, NY 14215
phone # (716) 838-3835, www.northtownmusic.com

Matt's Music, 937 Oliver Street, North Tonawanda, NY 14120
phone # (716) 693-7717, www.mattsmusicinc.com

1. MUSIC STAND:

All students will need a music stand to practice with at home. Prices vary depending on the durability of the stand and material used. No specific stand required.

This is an amazon link for a nice one that's not too expensive: https://www.amazon.com/GLEAM-Sheet-Music-Stand-Carrying/dp/B07D7QN1Z1/ref=sr_1_6?crd=1P6RP4MSOCDBK&keywords=music+stand&qid=1653686200&srefix=music+stand%2Caps%2C117&sr=8-6

2. LESSON BOOK:

All students need "Accent on Achievement book 1" (used right at the beginning of the school year) and "Accent on Achievement book 2" (started in June of their 4th grade year and used for all of 5th grade).

(If your child plays percussion, please make sure you choose the book marked **COMBINED Percussion**. There are three different percussion books, and it is important that the students have the correct one)

Instrument Specific Supplies:

Flute: Please cut a thin piece of cloth the size of a handkerchief to be used as a cleaning rag (it needs to be thin so that it may be inserted into the cleaning rod). An old sheet or pillowcase works well.

Clarinet: RICO 10 pack of strength 2 reeds. Link for strength 2 Clarinet reeds: https://www.amazon.com/Rico-Bb-Clarinet-Reeds-Traditional/dp/B0002F59X6/ref=sr_1_7?crd=2FKZ5P2CX8J2Z&keywords=clarinet+reeds+2.0&qid=1653686555&srefix=clarinet+reeds+2.0%2Caps%2C237&sr=8-7

RICO 10 pack of strength 2.5 reeds Link for strength 2.5 Clarinet Reeds: https://www.amazon.com/DAddario-Woodwinds-RCA1025-Rico-Clarinet/dp/B0002F59W2/ref=sr_1_6?crd=VMAZKQCZSEG9&keywords=clarinet%2Breeds%2B2.5&qid=1653686662&srefix=clarinet%2Breeds%2B2.5%2Caps%2C91&sr=8-6&th=1

Clarinet maintenance kit. This is a link for a maintenance kit on amazon- https://www.amazon.com/Yamaha-YACCLMKIT-Clarinet-Maintenance-Kit/dp/B001V6I13A/ref=sr_1_7?dchild=1&keywords=clarinet+maintenance+kit&qid=1616005224&sr=8-7

Alto Saxophone: RICO 10 pack of strength 2 reeds. Link for strength 2 alto sax reeds: https://www.amazon.com/Rico-Saxophone-Reeds-Traditional-Powerful/dp/B000VVG836/ref=sr_1_5?crd=3H783CZHZZANZ&keywords=alto%2Bsaxophone%2Breed+s%2B2.0&qid=1653686814&srefix=alto%2Bsaxophone%2Breeds%2B2.0%2Caps%2C116&sr=8-5&th=1

RICO 10 pack of strength 2.5 reeds. Link for strength 2.5 alto sax reeds: https://www.amazon.com/Rico-Saxophone-Reeds-Traditional-Powerful/dp/B0002F59GI/ref=sr_1_6?crd=29U73A2VJ6NA8&keywords=alto%2Bsaxophone%2Breeds

(I own it myself...it comes with drumsticks and bell mallets): https://www.amazon.com/Pearl-PK910C-Educational-Bell-Kit/dp/B06XDT6135/ref=sr_1_3?dchild=1&keywords=pearl+percussion+kit&qid=1616006347&sr=8-3

Instruments and supplies are needed starting the first full week of school in September. Please don't hesitate to shop for instruments and supplies (or get any maintenance work done) as music stores are incredibly busy mid/late August- early September. Band instruments/supplies may be depleted and take time to restock and repair/maintenance may take longer than usual.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE EMAIL ME AT jmercurio@wilsoncsd.org