

## ***Additional Instrument Information***

I ***strongly*** recommend that you acquire an instrument from a local music store. Once an instrument type has been chosen at our “try-on” night, I will give you a list of approved brands and additional materials needed for your child’s instrument.

### ***Reasons to shop local***

- A high-quality instrument in good working order (whether new OR used) will give your child a good start in music.
- Local music stores work with you one-on-one to make sure you get everything you need.
- Fast and quality repair to your instrument.
- High-quality instruments will last for many years.
  - ⇒ Local music stores offer a Rent-To-Own program that enables you to have affordable monthly payments.
    - ◆ Includes maintenance coverage for repair!
    - ◆ No obligation to continue!
    - ◆ Transfer your credit to a different instrument!
  - ⇒ The Rent-To-Own makes your investment in your child’s musical career *safe and easy!*

### ***Dangers of buying online***

- *Stay away from buying instruments online!*
  - ⇒ Poor-quality instruments will hinder your child’s progress and then they will become discouraged and want to quit.
  - ⇒ Poor-quality instruments are typically made with non-standard specifications meaning replacement parts aren’t available for repair facilities.
  - ⇒ The materials used to craft these inferior instruments don’t hold up well and won’t stay in playing condition for any length of time.
  - ⇒ These instruments WON’T play in tune which will cause issues for your student.
- Many music stores will not sell, trade, or service instruments like this because of these inherent issues.

***Thank you for your consideration — if you have any questions about a brand of instrument, ask me!***