



Guitar Rental/Purchase Info

In the guitar classes, we use acoustic guitars (not electric). We sit while playing, so a strap is not necessary.

Many parents choose to rent a guitar for their child (at least in the beginning). Music stores often have rental and/or "rent-to-own" options.

Some acoustic guitars have nylon strings, and others have steel strings. For children, I recommend a classical guitar (with nylon strings). Steel string guitars can be a little harder on fingers, especially in the beginning.

Guitars can come in different sizes, such as 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, and full-size. If your child comes with you to the music store, the people there can help determine the appropriate sizes for each of them.

Some good brands to consider include Yamaha, Montana, Jasmine, and Takamine. Many decent classical guitars cost at least \$100 to \$150 to purchase.

New guitars often need to be "set up" and "adjusted" by the store's repair technician before you take the instrument home. This is to ensure that the instrument sounds its best and is easy to play.

In addition to guitars and cases, each student will need a collapsible music stand, a box of picks (medium strength), and a guitar tuner.

You can purchase the lesson book at the class. They cost \$10 each.

Students will need to practice 20 minutes per day at home to make good progress. Before starting the class, they should plan their practice schedule so that they have a set time each day to practice.

Local Band Instrument Dealers:

Instruments and accessories can be rented and/or purchased at any of the music stores listed below. (We have done a lot of business over the years with *Brass Bell*, *Family Music Center*, and *Cascio Interstate* with good results.)

Bayshore Town Center Area:

Brass Bell Music Store

210 W Silver Spring Dr
Milwaukee WI
414-963-1000

<http://www.brassbellmusic.com/aeRntSchoolSelect.aspx>

Wauwatosa/Germantown/Waukesha/West Bend

White House of Music (multiple locations)

11737 W North Ave
Wauwatosa, WI
414-607-3900

N112W16290 Mequon Rd
Germantown, WI
262-255-2283

2101 N Springdale Rd
Waukesha, WI
262-798-9700

3218 W Washington St
West Bend, WI
262-334-4426

<http://www.whitehouseofmusic.com/Rentals/Lease-to-Learn>

West Allis Area:

Melk Music

8625 West Adler Street
Milwaukee, WI
414-771-0900

<http://www.melkmusic.com/t-rates.aspx>

New Berlin Area:

Cascio Interstate Music

13819 W National Ave
New Berlin, WI
262-789-7600

<http://www.interstatemusic.com/Categories/1-Band-And-Orchestra.aspx>

Milwaukee's South Side & Racine:

Family Music Center

5020 W Oklahoma Ave
Milwaukee, WI
414-546-6664

<http://www.familymusic.biz/rentals.html>

Lincoln Music House

3379 S 13th St
Milwaukee, WI
414-671-4233

<http://www.lincolnmusichousewi.com/>

Schmitt Music, Inc.

1409 Washington Ave
Racine, WI
262-634-5637

<http://www.schmittmusicinc.com/index.html>