

Violin Rental/Purchase Info

Each violin student will need a violin (with case), a bow, rosin, a tuner, and a collapsible music stand. All of these items are typically available at any music store that rents or sells violins.

Each violin student will also need the lesson book "Essential Elements - Book 1." This is available at class for \$10.

Violin students should bring all of the above items to every class (including the music stand).

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

Violins are available in different sizes such as 1/4, 1/2, 3/4, 7/8, and full-size. If your child comes with you to the music store, the people there can help determine the appropriate size for him/her.

Here is a violin size chart you can also use as a general guideline: <u>http://www.fiddleheads.ca/shop/violin-sizes-viola-and-violin-size-chart.htm</u>

New violins often need to be "set up" by the store's repair technician before you take the instrument home. This process will ensure that the instrument is ready to be played.

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:

<u>Brass Bell Music Store</u> 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 AveN112W16290 Mequon RdWauwatosa, WIGermantown, WI414-607-3900262-255-2283http://www.whitehouseofmusic.com/Rentals/Lease-to-Learn

2101 N Springdale Rd Waukesha, WI 262-798-9700 3218 W Washington St West Bend, WI 262-334-4426

West Allis Area:

<u>Melk Music</u> 8625 West Adler Street Milwaukee, WI 414-771-0900 http://www.melkmusic.com/t-rates.aspx

New Berlin Area:

<u>Cascio Interstate Music</u> 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

<u>Lincoln Music House</u> 3379 S 13th St Milwaukee, WI 414-671-4233 http://www.lincolnmusichousewi.com/

<u>Schmitt Music, Inc.</u> 1409 Washington Ave Racine, WI 262-634-5637 http://www.schmittmusicinc.com/index.html