

Method Book

All students are required to use an instructional method book for their specific instrument. Depending on experience and skill level, students will either borrow a book from AACMS or purchase their own. Purchased books are theirs to keep in order to start building their personal collection of music.

5th and 6th grade students will start with a loaned book from AACMS and may be assigned a method book to purchase during their 6th grade school year. By 7th grade, students should own their method book but may be required to purchase a new one depending on their progress. 8th Graders will be assigned solo repertoire to purchase as part of Audition Preparation.

Method books will be assigned by the Instrumental Music Faculty. Please do not purchase a method book until your child receives his/her specific book assignment.

Metronome

Students may purchase a physical metronome or use an app on an electronic device.

Recommended: Matrix MR-500 Quartz Metronome; <https://www.metronomeonline.com> (a free app can be downloaded along with this website); Google Metronome.

Pencils

Students should have a working pencil at all times. (No pens are permitted.)

It is recommended to keep a pencil in the instrument's case.

Music Stand

A foldable wire stand is great. This will be used at home only, so it does not have to fold up.

Recommended: Musician's Gear Folding Music Stand

Additional Materials (by instrument)

In addition to the materials listed above, each student should have the following equipment specific to his/her instrument. Items marked with an asterisk (*) are required for the specific instrument.

Brass Students

(Trumpet, Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba)

- Tuner (App or physical unit)*
- Mouthpiece*
- Valve oil*
- Mouthpiece Brush
- Cleaning Rod or Snake
- Tuning slide grease

Percussion Students

- Drum sticks—size 5B or SD1* (Recommended: Vic Firth 5B Drum sticks labeled with your name)
- Mallets (Recommended: Innovative Percussion F8.5 Hard Rubber Marimba Mallets)
- Stick/Mallet bag—labeled with your name (Recommended: Vic Firth Stick Bag)

Woodwinds

(Flutes, Clarinets, Saxophones, Oboes and Bassoons))

- Tuner (App or physical unit)*
- Reeds* (Recommended: Vandoren for your instrument, at the appropriate strength; single reeds can be purchased from Ms. Kanik)
- Cork grease*
- Cleaning rod/cloth*
- Neck strap* (saxophones only)

Orchestral String Students

(Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass)

- Tuner (App or physical unit)*
- Shoulder rest*(Violin and Viola)
- Cleaning cloth*
- Rosin*
- Full set of replacement strings*
- Bow Hold Buddies (Violin and Viola)

Local Music Stores

For your convenience, we have compiled a list of local music stores offering instrument rental programs.

AACMS does not endorse or have any affiliation with any music store, including those listed below. As a result, we cannot answer questions regarding any store's instrument rental programs or contracts. Each family must contact a music store directly to obtain an instrument. We highly recommend carefully reviewing the details of any instrument rental contract before renting an instrument.

Allentown Area

Montero Violins

902 Chestnut St
Emmaus, PA 18049
(610) 965-2756
<http://www.monteroviolins.com/>

Bethlehem Area

Hawk Music Center

2385 Schoenersville Rd
Bethlehem, PA 18018
(610) 691-8453
<http://hawkmusiccenter.com/>

Nazareth Music Center

162 S Main St
Nazareth, PA 18064
(610) 759-3072
<http://www.nazarethmusic.com/>

Saucon Valley Music

1236 Main St, Suite A
Hellertown, PA 18055
(610) 838-6170
<http://sauconvalleymusic.com/>

Easton Area

Dave Phillips Music & Sound

377 Irwin St
Phillipsburg, NJ 08865
(908) 454-3313
<http://www.davephillipsmusicstore.com/>

Twin Rivers Music

1005 Palmer St
Easton, PA 18042
(610) 252-7705
<http://www.twinriversmusic.com/>

Pocono Area

Montero Violins

905 Main St
Stroudsburg, PA 13860
(570) 801-1657
<http://www.monteroviolins.com/>

Bucks County Area

Music & Arts

432 N Main St
Doylestown, PA 18901
(215) 230-3300
<https://www.musicarts.com>