

Instruments, Books and Supplies

Music Books

Every student is responsible to purchase the assigned lesson books required by your instructor. Siblings are not to share books. Typically, most books can be purchased on Amazon or ordered at your trusted music store.

Watermelon Music in Davis is a wonderful source and can find most any music or book.

What Supplies Do You Need?

- 1/2" to 1" binder with dividers
- A notebook
- A music bag or tote
- Number 2 pencils
- Notation paper tablet

Instrument

Instrumentalists are required to have their own quality instrument for at home practice and to bring to their lesson. Pianos are provided at YACM for lessons. Here are some important things to know.

- Pianists should have an acoustic piano with proper action, good tone and working pedals. Digital pianos are acceptable for beginners, however, must be upgraded to acoustic pianos by the time the student is at the intermediate level.
 - A full-size (88-key) keyboard is required.
- Violinists, Cellists, Violist's, Bassists, Guitarists must have rightly sized instrument with good tone and firm tuning pegs. Your bow will need to be rethread from time to time,

and you need back up set of strings should one break. You should carry rosin with you all the time for your bow. And don't forget you chin-rest.

- Violinists, Violists, Cellists, Stand Up Bassist rent their instrument until they have grown into a full size.
 - Electric guitarists should have and bring their own small amplifier and ¼ cable.
-
- Woodwinds and Brass must keep their mouth pieces, valves and movable parts in good working order. An instrument stand is important for performances as well as a supply of valve oil, cork wax etc.
 - Drum students initially need practice pads, and a snare drum. A full drum kit is preferable 3-6 months into lessons.
 - Percussion beginning students should have a concert band percussion kit that includes a xylophone and snare drum with sticks and mallets. Marimba and timpani are provided at lessons. A serious student should rent or buy a 5-octave marimba for practice and personal performances.
 - Vocal students are their own instrument! Take care of your voice with good vocal health that your instructor recommends.