

# STUDENT INSTRUMENT PROGRAM - 2010-2011 1<sup>st</sup> YEAR INSTRUMENT RESERVATION FORM AND CONTRACT

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Piedmont 6<sup>th</sup> grade band students playing flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, or percussion are eligible to purchase their instruments through this program. The instruments provided are brand new or 1-year or 2-year used, good-quality instruments that are recommended by the directors. Also provided are the correct mouthpiece and ligature, if necessary.

This program is open to our on a first come, first served basis until our stock of horns is exhausted. You may secure your instrument by filling out and returning the enclosed contract with payment.

## TERMS

- Please refer to the opposite page for payment information.
- Once the instrument is supplied to your student, they will have access to it at all times. Even though the band program will technically own the instrument until the final payment is made, the instrument will be given over to your possession (to take home, etc) year-round.
- If at any time your student wishes to discontinue the program, they may simply return the instrument to us and stop making payments. Voided checks will be returned to the student.
- Consumable items (reeds, valve oil, cleaning supplies, etc.) are not included in the program and are the responsibility of the student to own.
- Band Fee Included: Your student's 6th and 7th grade band fee (\$50) is included in the price of this program as long as all 9 payments for that year are made. No other mandatory charges are made to your student through 6th or 7th grade to participate in band.
- Repairs/Replacement
  - Minor repairs that are not the fault of the student through negligence or abuse are included in the cost of the rental program. Your student will be provided a loaner instrument if possible while their instrument is being repaired.
  - Repairs that are the fault of the student through negligence, abuse, or mishandling of the instrument are not included in the cost of the program and will be billed to your student's band account. Parents will be notified prior to repairs if this is the case. If negligence continues, the band program may repossess the instrument.
  - In extreme cases, if repair of the instrument is not possible, or the instrument has been lost/stolen, replacement cost will be the responsibility of the student. Monthly payments may still be made in this case.
  - After the student has completed 2 years in the program, the instrument belongs to them and the band program will no longer pay for any repairs.
- Alto Saxes/School-Owned Instruments
  - Students playing saxophone will need to rent or purchase an instrument through a local music store.
  - Students playing French horn or tuba will be provided a school-owned instrument, due to the cost of these instruments. A \$50 yearly rental fee will be charged for the maintenance of these instruments. The student will be responsible for buying a mouthpiece for the instrument.
    - Tuba mouthpiece: Conn Helleberg

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## PAYMENT STRUCTURE

- To reserve an instrument 1) this contract signed and initialed, and 2) 9 checks must be presented. The checks must be written for the given amount below and dated the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, from September 1 of the current year to May 1 of the next year. Checks will be deposited near the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month for the month on which they are written. CHECKS ARE PAYABLE TO "PIEDMONT BANDS."
  - Alternately, you may write a smaller number of checks (or one check) that add up to the total amount due for the year.
  - Your student will not be reserved an instrument if there are no checks attached, or if the checks attached do not total the entire amount due for the year.
  - The band program **will not** accept checks on a month-to-month basis.
- Payments will be made for 2 years and will be less expensive in the second year than the first. We have changed this from the past (when there were 3 years of payments), because we've found that it is a large expense for families to pay for an instrument AND our high school band fees.
- After the May payment is made during your student's 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the program, you will have several options, depending on whether or not your child chooses to continue band in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - If your student chooses not to participate in band in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, the instrument will be reclaimed unless a final \$100 is paid, at which point the instrument is yours to keep.
  - If your student does participate in 8<sup>th</sup> grade band, the final \$100 is waived and the instrument is yours to keep. Your student must participate in at least one full semester of 8<sup>th</sup> grade band for this fee to be waived.
- Bounced Checks: If a check fails to clear, the instrument will be reclaimed on the first day of the following month unless payment plus a \$20 charge (which we are charged from the bank) is received. Balances owed at the end of the school year will be treated the same as any other balance of funds owed to the school district, and your student's grades will be withheld until payment is received

## COSTS

- The monthly payment for NEW Clarinets and Trumpets is as follows (no new Flutes/Trombones available this year):
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Year: \$60 2<sup>nd</sup> year: \$50 + \$100 final payment **or** continued participation in band
- The monthly payment for USED Flutes, Clarinets, Trumpets, and Trombones is as follows:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year: \$45 2<sup>nd</sup> year: \$35 + \$100 final payment **or** continued participation in band
- Percussionists must participate in the program, the cost is \$60 per month (9 months) for the first year, and \$50 per month for the second year (again 9 months). This will start them with a base of equipment that will last them into high school.

MY INITIALS ON PAGE #1 AND SIGNATURE ON THIS PAGE INDICATE THAT I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ALL OF THE STIPULATIONS OF THIS INSTRUMENT CONTRACT. PLEASE ATTEMPT TO SECURE AN INSTRUMENT FOR MY STUDENT.

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_