

## **STUDENT INSTRUMENT PROGRAM - 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR INSTRUMENT RESERVATION FORM AND CONTRACT**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Some Piedmont 6th grade band students (with the exception of saxophone players) and older students wishing to participate in the program will be given the opportunity to purchase their instrument through the band program. The instruments provided are brand-new, 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 non-saxophone students 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

-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. (See care/condition)

-If at any time during the program your instrument needs repair, the band program will have it repaired free of charge, provided the repairs are not major and the cause for the repairs is not gross negligence on the part of the student. If possible, we will also provide your student a replacement instrument to use until theirs is fixed and returned. (See care/condition)

-Consumable items (reeds, grease, oil, etc) are not provided by this program and are the responsibility of the student.

-Once the instrument is owned (When you are no longer making payments), repair costs are the student's responsibility.

-Care/Condition: Repairs will be supplied by the school and instruments will be sent for repair by the school when normal wear or occasional slight damage caused by use has occurred over time. This is normal. However, damage that is caused by negligence on the part of the student (lack of due care, rough treatment, etc) is the responsibility of the student. This occurs very rarely. Repair / replacement cost must be paid by the student in these extreme circumstances. Parents will be notified prior to repair when any such incident occurs. If an instrument is so heavily damaged that it cannot be used or repaired, the student will be responsible for the total of payments for the 18 payments following the time the damage occurred. After such payments are made, ownership of the instrument will be turned over to the student. If an instrument is lost, you may continue to make monthly payments until the instrument is paid off or you may pay the total of payments for the 18 payments following the time the instrument was lost to fulfill this contract.

-Termination of the program: An individual's program may be terminated by the parent as listed above or by the school if an instrument is being abused by the student. Parents will be notified prior to this action being taken. If this occurs, the instrument will be reclaimed and the program will end.. Students will be responsible for damage to the instrument.

-Early Buyout: The instrument may be purchased outright at any time during the program by paying the total of 18 payments ahead of where you currently stand in the program. (If you wish to purchase your instrument outright now, you may do so by paying the total of the 9 1<sup>st</sup> year payments and the 9 2<sup>nd</sup> year payments.)

-Band Fee Included: Your student's 6th grade band fee (\$50) and 7th grade band fee (\$25) is included in the price of this program as long as all 9 payments for that year are made. **8th grade and High School band fees are not included in this program.** No other mandatory charges are made to your student through 6th or 7th grade to participate in band

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-Payment Structure

-Payments will be made on the first of each month during the months of Sept-May. This totals 9 payments per year. No payments are made over the summer even though you will have possession of the instrument during that time.

-Payments will be made in 6th-8th grade (unless the program is started after 6<sup>th</sup> grade) and will be less expensive every year.

-After the May payment is made during your student's 3<sup>rd</sup> year in the program, you will own the instrument entirely, regardless of whether or not your child continues to participate in the band program. The instrument may be donated back to the school at that point, but will not be purchased.

-The monthly payment for Trombones is as follows:

-1<sup>st</sup> year: \$50      2<sup>nd</sup> year: \$45      3<sup>rd</sup> year: \$40

-The monthly payment for Flutes, Clarinets & Trumpets is as follows:

-1<sup>st</sup> year: \$45      2<sup>nd</sup> year: \$35      3<sup>rd</sup> year: \$20

-The monthly payment for Percussion kits is as follows:

-1<sup>st</sup> year: \$20      2<sup>nd</sup> year: \$15      3<sup>rd</sup> year: \$10

-To register to receive an instrument, you must present 9 checks for the appropriate monthly amount at the beginning of each year. (Dated Sept. 1, Oct 1, Nov 1, etc) and this contract signed and initialed in the appropriate places. These checks will not be cashed early under any circumstances. If a student withdraws from the program, the remaining un-cashed checks will be exchanged for the instrument. Make checks to "Piedmont Bands."

-Non Payment: 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. Ex: If the Nov 1st check fails to clear, the instrument will be reclaimed on Dec 1st, unless the original November payment + \$20 is received.

-End of the year balance: 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. (Grade holds, etc)

**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 (FLUTE, PERCUSSION, ETC): \_\_\_\_\_