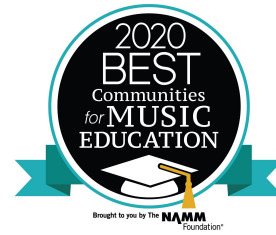




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## 2020-2021 Instrumental Music Registration Information

All students are encouraged to elect to learn to play an instrument in the Band or Orchestra for their fourth and fifth grade year. The Elementary Instrumental Music Teachers [have prepared this video](#) demonstrating all the band and orchestra instruments that are available to beginners. The purpose of this video is to acquaint students with these instruments in terms of sound, shape, and size. Please watch this video with your child. With your guidance, your child should have the information to make a choice as to what instrument they would like to play next year.

### [Instrumental Demonstration Video Link](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=28fyFfeuDVk&feature=youtu.be>

The instruments available in our beginning classes are as follows:

**BAND: Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone Horn, Percussion**

**ORCHESTRA: Violin, Viola, Cello**

Please note that most instruments must be provided by the parent/guardian. *A limited number of the larger instruments (Viola, Cello, Trombone, Baritone Horn) are owned by the district and are available for students to borrow at no charge on a first come-first served basis.*

Most families choose to rent instruments at least for the first year. The choice of the music vendor lies strictly with you; however, the music department will provide you with a list of music stores in the area. **Please be aware that there are significant differences in rental prices.** These differences directly correlate with the size of the instrument. For example, an alto saxophone costs more to rent than a flute and generally, the larger the instrument, the greater the cost.

**Please do not rent an instrument until you are contacted by your school's music teacher.** You will be contacted by email before the end of the school year with your child's instrument assignment and will also be provided with a list of music vendors in the area. We **recommend against purchasing** an instrument at this point. Purchasing an instrument online is very strongly discouraged. If you have a special situation/financial need, or question, please contact your child's Instrumental Music teacher as soon as possible.

If you plan to have your child participate in the  
**Instrumental Music Program**, register online by **June 19** at

<https://tinyurl.com/instrumentalLPS>

or by scanning the QR Code to the right.

Sincerely,  
Mara Rubin  
Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts



# Additional Information:

**Videos:** For more information on Instrumental Music, especially Band and Orchestra, please check out the following websites. There are some great videos that explain the advantages of playing a musical instrument and videos that introduce each instrument.



## Be Part of the Band

<https://www.bepartofthemusic.org/bpotb/index.html>



## Be Part of the Orchestra

<https://www.bepartofthemusic.org/bpoto/index.html>  
[Introduction to the Instruments of the Orchestra](#)

**Commitment:** Learning an instrument can be a rewarding life experience for your child. However, we all know that nothing worthwhile in life comes without commitment. In order to be a successful musician, your child must be willing to practice daily for at least ten minutes a day. Although this is not a great deal of time, when a good daily practice routine is established, muscles are formed and the brain develops in a way that ensures success. You will be amazed at the results by January! As part of the six-day rotation, students will be scheduled for a half-hour group lesson once each rotation and be excused from their regular class. Parents of students enrolled in the Instrumental Music Program will be provided with a detailed schedule of the lesson rotation prior to the beginning of lessons in September.

### Instructors:

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<p><b>Etleva Vatoci</b> - <a href="mailto:evatoci@livingston.org">evatoci@livingston.org</a>            Harrison Elementary School Orchestra            Hillside Elementary School Orchestra</p>	<p><b>Jennifer Wise</b> - <a href="mailto:jwise@livingston.org">jwise@livingston.org</a>            Collins Elementary School Orchestra            Harrison Elementary School 5th Grade Band            Riker Hill Elementary School Band &amp; Orchestra</p>

*Fourth and Fifth grade students are also encouraged to participate in Chorus.  
 Look for information in September about signing up for Chorus!*