

# Instrument Rental and Care

## School-Owned Instruments

There are a few school-owned instruments that are available for those students who can not provide their own instruments. It is expected that students rent or purchase an instrument to use at school, but it is understood that some families can not afford this. Most of the school-owned instruments are violins. There are a couple of larger instruments, such as cellos, basses available.

To check out an instrument, please notify Mrs. Dunaway as soon as possible that you need an instrument! We operate on an "As Needed" basis and will try to honor as many instrument requests as possible. When you or your child is issued a "Contract for Use of School-Owned Instruments," fill out the form completely, and return it as soon as possible. Signing the form ensures that the student and parent assume responsibility for any damage done to the instrument; this also includes theft or the accidental loss of the instrument. If an instrument needs repair, students and parents should do the following:

**STRING INSTRUMENTS:** The school will not pay for the repair of the instrument. In case of damage, the parent should take the instrument to Mrs. Dunaway for a recommendation.

*It is important to remember that your child is the only student authorized to play the instrument. Please keep the instrument out of the hands of curious brothers, sisters, and friends. All instruments are fragile, and only an experienced person should play them. Keep instruments away from heaters, doors, or windows as the temperature change can cause string instruments to crack. Please store the instrument in a room-temperature location that is safe from harm. It should also be stored in a location that will remind the student to bring it to school every day.*