

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAMS

Background

Instrumental music education provides opportunities for students to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes which contribute to their physical, mental and social well-being. Accordingly, the Division authorizes instrumental music programs as outlined in Alberta Education Program of Studies for grades 5 through 12 where interest and numbers warrant.

To permit students to be introduced to instrumental music without extraordinary costs, the Division authorizes the purchase and maintenance of an inventory of instruments which may be rented to parents/guardians of students as per this administrative procedure.

The Assistant Superintendent, Learning Services is responsible for the administration of this administrative procedure.

Procedures

1. Rental of Division-Owned Instruments

1.1 Allocation of Inventory

- 1.1.1 Parents/Guardians of students are encouraged to rent instruments from the Division inventory of beginner (junior high programs) or intermediate level instruments (high school programs).
- 1.1.2 Band Directors will follow the division instrument maintenance timeline and procedures that are in place to guarantee all instruments and equipment is properly cleaned, repaired, inventoried and returned to schools annually, in preparation for students when the new school year starts.

1.2 Rental Rates

All students using a division-owned instrument will pay a common instrument loan fee. This loan fee is based on an average cost of maintenance and repair of the instruments.

- 1.2.1 Good Condition: \$100.00 per year
- 1.2.2 Fair Condition: At the discretion of the Band Director.

1.3 Rental Agreement

- 1.3.1 Parents/Guardians of students who wish to rent a division-owned instrument must first complete and submit an instrument rental agreement. Any student whose parent/guardian does not sign the rental agreement will not have the opportunity to rent a division-owned instrument.

- 1.3.2 The Band Director is responsible for ensuring that a rental agreement has been completed and fees collected by the school as per other fees.
- 1.3.3 Parents/Guardians and students are prohibited from performing any repairs to instruments. Any necessary repairs or replacement, due to willful damage to instruments or equipment by students, will be the financial responsibility of the parent/guardian.
- 1.3.4 A payment plan must be in place to repair or replace a willfully damaged instrument, prior to a new instrument being assigned to a student.

2. Instructional Time

2.1 In order to ensure program quality, Instrumental Music must be offered in accordance with Alberta Education Guidelines:

- 2.1.1 Grades 5 to 9: 75 hours/year; 3 times/week.
- 2.1.2 Grades 10 to 12: 125 hours/year.

Reference: Relevant Legislation & Guidelines