



CT Future Musicians, LLC

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Dear Parents:

Your child has shown an interest in joining your school's band for this school year. We are delighted that Future Musicians will be providing instrumental music instruction in your school. We offer half-hour lessons once a week in a small group setting. The lessons are given on a rotating basis, so your child will not miss the same class time more than once every seven to ten weeks. Qualified students also participate in a band or ensemble group at your school.

Enrolling is easy!
Just complete the attached enrollment form
and send it to...

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Don't forget to include your first payment and \$25 registration fee.

Please note that the tuition covers teaching services only and **does not include instrument rental**. If you need to rent an instrument, we have enclosed a rental form for your convenience. Just complete the rental form and send it - with a separate payment - directly to the dealer listed on the form. Students who own their own instruments should have them checked by the band director to make sure they're in good condition.

If you have any account questions, please call our office at (860) 342-4485

We look forward to having your child in one of our classes this year and to seeing you at the concerts and programs put on by your children!

Sincerely,

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The Benefits of Music Education

Why play an instrument?

Studies show that playing an instrument:

- Requires students to utilize both sides of the brain simultaneously
- Improves reading & math performance
- Increases SAT scores
- Builds teamwork skills
- Teaches discipline and responsibility

Our Future Musicians curriculum was developed using research based on the way children learn – concrete to abstract.

“Music helps students organize the way they think & work, by helping them to develop in other areas, such as math, language and spatial reasoning.” - Gardner

“I would teach music, physics and philosophy; but most importantly music, for in the patterns of music and all the arts are the keys of learning.” - Plato

Music is: Science, Math, Foreign language, History, Physical Education, but most of all Art.

Accessories Needed for Instrumentalists

- All Instruments:**
- Wire folding music stand for at home practice, school lessons and Regional/State Band
 - Book: Ed Sueta Band Method, book I for beginners (except drums)
 - Book: Breeze Easy Method, Book I for beginners (for snare drum only)

- Flute:**
- *Cleaning rod
 - Handkerchief



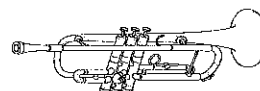
- Clarinet:**
- *Pull-through cleaning swab (handkerchief type is best)
 - *Cork grease
 - Reeds (student should have 3 or 4 unbroken reeds in case at all times)
 - #2 strength for beginners
 - #2 1/2 or 3 strength for advanced
 - Reed guard or case for storing reeds



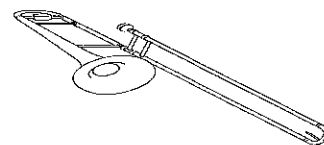
- Saxophone:**
- *Pull-through cleaning swab or pad saver ("shove-it")
 - *Cork grease
 - Handkerchief
 - Reeds (student should have 3 or 4 unbroken reeds in case at all times)
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- Trumpet:**
- *Valve oil
 - Tuning slide grease
 - Cleaning snake
 - Cleaning brushes for mouthpiece and valve casings



- Trombone:**
- *Slide oil
 - Tuning slide grease
 - Cleaning snake
 - Mouthpiece cleaning brush



- Drum:**
- *Sticks SB wood tip (Vic Firth, Pearl or Vic Firth 5DI is best)
 - *Practice pad
 - *Drum key (for tuning heads)

****These items generally come with the instrument***