

**MERIDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
DEPARTMENT OF PERFORMING ARTS**

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3/15/12

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Meriden Public School System is proud to offer an array of music education experiences for your son or daughter at each grade level. As a department rooted in the concepts of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, our department is actively growing and developing to meet the needs of our students.

As part of our comprehensive music program, we offer instrumental music instruction in grades 4 through 12. Students are encouraged to take advantage of this program starting in fourth grade in order to maximize their musical understanding and gain valuable experience in leadership, discipline and teamwork in ways that only performance-based ensembles can provide.

Once you have decided to enroll your son/daughter, the next step is acquiring an instrument for his/her use. You have several options. Instruments can be rented from the district (see details on the sign-up form), you can rent-to-own an instrument from a music store, or you can purchase an instrument from a store.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you intend to rent-to-own or purchase an instrument, please talk to your son/daughters prospective music teacher prior to making a purchase or signing a contract.** There are many deceiving products on the market; many that will not work for your son/daughter, will cost you too much money, or will not last. Please also consult a teacher before purchasing anything online or engaging in an online auction.

If your son/daughter plans to play percussion: All percussion students will be required to rent or purchase a percussion combo kit. The district does not offer these to rent so all rentals and purchases must be done through an area music store. Teachers will be happy to provide you with a suggested store to visit if needed.

An instrument and a method book are the two requirements students need in order to participate in instrumental music in the Meriden Public Schools. Both can be obtained through the school by filling out the sign-up form on the reverse side of this letter. Please be sure to check off what you need and return the completed form along with payment.

The music department within the Meriden Public Schools is a great place for your son/daughter to learn and grow and we are excited to have you and your family join us. If you have any questions about any aspect of this letter, this form, or music in general, please do not hesitate to call or email any member of the music staff. For contact and general information and answers to many of your questions, please visit us online at [www.meridenarts.com](http://www.meridenarts.com). We look forward to working with you and thank you for your interest in music education in Meriden.

Sincerely,

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**ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC  
APPLICATION FORM**

The Meriden Public Schools offers instrumental music instruction in grades 4-12. If you are interested in having your son/daughter learn or continue an instrument, please fill out this form and return it to their music teacher as soon as possible. Students will need an instrument and method book in order to participate. Instruments can be rented through the school, or through a music store. Please consult a music teacher before renting or purchasing instruments from vendors, to ensure that you are getting the correct product for your student. **If you are interested in taking Band or Orchestra, please return this completed form along with payment (if applicable) to the music teacher at your school.**

Music Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Instruments available to rent through the Meriden Public Schools:**

**Strings:** Violin, **Woodwinds:** Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone

**Brass:** Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone

(Instruments available through music stores only: percussion\*)

*\*Students interested in playing percussion must rent or purchase a **percussion combo pack** that includes a bell kit, and a drum pad or snare drum and drum pad. Combo packs are available at area music stores. See our website for details – [www.meridenarts.com](http://www.meridenarts.com)*

All instruments are in limited supply. In the event that the district is not able to accommodate your request, the music teacher will contact you with options.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been playing? 0 1

School (as of September): \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (as of September): 4 5

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

- We wish to rent an instrument through our school - \$60.00 per yr.  
 Method book fee - \$8.00 per yr.  
 We wish to rent an instrument and purchase a method book - \$68.00 per yr.

**FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY**

\_\_\_\_ Supplying own instrument.

\_\_\_\_ Renting from district.

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Inst. Serial #: \_\_\_\_\_

Condition: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment: \_\_\_\_\_ Due: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make all checks payable to The MPS Music Activity Fund. Please enclose the application and fee in an envelope and return it to the music teacher as soon as possible.

**DEADLINE: All forms must be returned to school no later than May 30<sup>th</sup> 2012**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

IMPORTANT! Students will not be scheduled into an instrument class without this completed form on file