

# Maintenance Agreement



The Bridgeport Public School System owns a myriad of musical instruments. In the past, all musical instruments have been purchased and maintained by the district. In order to generate revenue for the maintenance and repair of all instruments, a maintenance fee of **\$30.00** is being proposed.

The results of a survey taken of public school districts from Hartford to Fairfield found that Bridgeport was the only district who incurred the expense of supplying, maintaining, and repairing all of the musical instruments in the district. By charging a yearly fee for the use of the instruments, the district is hoping to generate revenue to not only pay for the maintenance and repair of the instruments, but also the textbooks the students need.

## **Why should parents rent an instrument?**

- ↳ Many parents enjoy the flexibility and affordability of a maintenance or lease-to-own program.
- ↳ You may return the instrument at any time or exchange or upgrade as your child's needs change
- ↳ In this difficult financial climate, renting an instrument becomes more affordable for the family. In addition, the maintenance fee covers all needed repair.

## **What does the maintenance fee include?**

- ↳ The maintenance fee includes the instrument, carrying case, reeds, if needed, shoulder/neck strap, if required, mouthpiece, and cleaning rod
- ↳ The instrument will be repaired and maintained by the district. Negligent breakage/loss will be the responsibility of the parent.
- ↳ A Consumable workbook/textbook.

## **Do I have to pay for the instrument maintenance at one time?**

- ↳ It is advisable that you do so at the beginning of the school year, however, the district will consider on a case by case basis whether the fee can be divided into two or more payments.
- ↳ If payment is missed, the student will be informed immediately of the amount due to the district.

Bridgeport Public Schools Performing Arts Department and surrounding community desires to have all students participate in instrumental music. This requirement will not change the level of services presently being received. The instrument maintenance fee is being used to supplement the cost of the materials and supplies.

The process of collecting the maintenance fee and the distribution of instruments will take place at the beginning of the school year. All students playing an instrument will be required to fill out an instrument maintenance agreement, with the permission of the parents/guardians.

All Bridgeport instruments are inventoried and stored in the district's database. A report is generated and given to the principal and music staff of each school. A maintenance agreement with terms will be given to each child for parent signature and approval.

Consideration will be given to parents with multiple children playing a school instrument.

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