

**RENTAL OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

The district shall purchase only those instruments which, because of cost and/or unsuitability as a solo instrument, are not likely to be purchased by parents and yet are needed for full instrumentation of school music groups. Such instruments shall be rented with the fee used to help cover maintenance costs, except when the rental instrument is in addition to an instrument that is already owned or rented by the student. Arrangements shall be made for the reduction/waiver of fees for students whose families, by reason of income, would have difficulty paying the fee.

The USDA child nutrition program guidelines shall be used to determine qualification for a reduction/waiver. Parents shall be notified of the availability of fee reduction/waivers. Rental instruments shall be used only in preparation for playing in school organizations. The user shall be responsible for any damage to the instrument which might occur while it is in his/her care.

The superintendent shall establish a rental fee for school-owned instruments.