



Souderton Area School District Instrumental Music Program

Please complete **Step I** by
Friday, May 29! Thank You!

It's finally here! Your child is entering fourth or fifth grade in the Souderton Area School District. This means they are able to choose which band or string instrument they would like to play next school year!

Your child attended an assembly describing the band and string programs. Students learned about the instruments of each ensemble, discovered how these instruments make music, and how they can learn to play a musical instrument. Lessons for beginning musicians are being provided on the following instruments: Violin, Viola, Cello, Bass, Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, and Percussion.

Your child may have one particular instrument in mind. However, we require students to provide three choices in order of preference. You will need to list one string and one band instrument among your choices. With scheduling and balanced instrumentation in mind, you may be contacted about playing any of the instrument choices you list. Every position on a baseball field is critical for team success. The same is true in the band and orchestra. The success of the elementary, as well as future middle and high school instrumental groups, relies on well-balanced instrumentation from the first day of instruction forward.

***We encourage you to choose mid to low pitched instruments*
*Cello, Viola, Trombone, & Baritone***

Instrumental Music Registration is split into two steps. This will allow the teachers to establish who is playing what instrument in each school BEFORE any payment is made and eliminate unnecessary confusion in the summer months.

Step I - Online Instrumental Music Registration **May 20, 2026 through May 29, 2026** **<https://www2.soudertonsd.org/instrumentalmusic>**

In this window of time, please visit <https://www2.soudertonsd.org/instrumentalmusic/>. You will find a direct link to the Instrumental Music Online Registration. Directors will use the results to create balanced ensembles for the 2025-2026 school year. If you already have access to an instrument it should be checked during Step I of this process. Please do not rent an instrument before you receive a confirmation from your child's music teacher.

Step II - Rental/ Lease Agreement Completion **June 10, 2026 - August 1, 2026**

When you receive confirmation from the directors confirming your child's instrument choice, your child will receive paperwork at school with rental information so you can rent an instrument. The instrument your family and the director have decided upon will be delivered to school in mid-August!

STUDENTS WHO ALREADY HAVE ACCESS TO AN INSTRUMENT MUST PURCHASE A BOOK!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you and we look forward to getting started again this fall!

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