

Dear Council Rock Instrumental Music Parents,

As the school year ends, we hope your child's musical experience has been educational, fun, and rewarding. We also hope that your child will continue to be involved in the school instrumental music program and receive many of the benefits playing a musical instrument has to offer. In addition, just because the school year is ending, it does not mean your child should give their instrument a rest. Summer can be a great time for your child to continue to hone his or her playing skills, and to prepare for a successful experience next school year. Even if they practice a few times during the summer, it will help them maintain the skills they have learned throughout the school year.

For those of you who are currently renting an instrument from Music & Arts, below, is a list of options regarding your rental:

1. "10-Month Renewal/Summer Free" NOTE: *This option is available only to those customers who are currently renting under our 10-month plan.*

If you renew your rental for another 10 months by June 30, 2024, not only will you continue with our **highly discounted 10-month rate**, but you will get to **keep the instrument for 12 months**, giving you the **summer free**, and taking you through the next school year. All your rental payments will continue to accrue as rental equity toward ownership. You should have already received renewal information via email. If, for some reason, you do not receive renewal information, please call Music & Arts @ 888-731-5396.

2. "Monthly Rental"

If you elect this option, you need do nothing! We will continue to charge your credit card the monthly rental rate using our EZ Pay system. Your monthly payments will continue to accrue as rental equity toward ownership. If you need to update your credit card information, you can do so by logging into your account at www.musicarts.com or by calling customer service @ 888-731-5396.

3. "Purchase"

You may apply your current rental equity toward the purchase of a new or previously rented instrument according to the terms of your rental agreement. To exercise this option, call Music & Arts @ 888-731-5396 or call your Local Music & Arts Store. To find your nearest store, go to www.musicarts.com.

4. "Return"

You may discontinue your rental by returning the instrument. **Only return the instrument if your child plans not to continue in the program or has another instrument with which to practice over the summer.** Please be aware that if you return the instrument, **you will forfeit all rental equity.** You may return the instrument to your child's instrumental music teacher in school prior to the end of the school year, or by returning it to a Music & Arts store. **If returning to the school, please call Music & Arts @ 888-731-5396 to obtain a Return Authorization Number.** Our Music & Arts Educational Representative will then pick up and return your instrument. **Please do not return the instrument until lessons are finished for the school year.**

5. "Exchange vs. Return"

If your child plans to play a different instrument next year, rather than return the instrument, continue paying on the current instrument, and request to do an exchange to a different instrument when school begins. The rental fees from your current instrument will carry over to the next instrument as rental equity toward purchase. However, as per your rental agreement, **exchanges are only allowed to an instrument of equal or greater value.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call Music & Arts at 888-731-5396. Thank you for supporting your child's music education!