



IRVINE
MUSIC LESSONS

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BUYING/RENTING A VIOLIN

Sizes of Violins

There are many different sized violins.

Violins come in 4/4, 3/4, 1/2, 1/4, and 1/8 sizes.

A full size (4/4) violin is 14 inches long.

Renting VS Buying a Violin

If your child is still growing (usually ages 7-12, give or take) it is not advisable to purchase an instrument because they will grow out of it quickly and you will be left with an instrument they cannot use.

We recommend you rent a violin when your child has grown enough to use a full size violin comfortably.

Many music stores in the area have rental programs, and often they will allow you to put your rental payments towards the purchase of an instrument in the future.

Mass Produced Instruments

Please do not purchase a mass produced instrument. They may be very affordable, but you get what you pay for- the quality of these instruments is almost always low and playing on this type of instrument will likely negatively impact your child's learning experience.



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VIOLIN SUPPLIES CHECKLIST

Required Items	
Shoulder Rest	<p>A shoulder rest will help you hold the violin up the proper way, cradled between your chin and shoulder. The sizes of the shoulder rests correspond with the size of the instrument, so be sure to purchase the correct size!</p> <p>Acceptable brands include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kun• Wolf• Everrest• Muco <p>Do not buy: Resonans brand or the cheap foam versions.</p>
Rosin	<p>Rosin is applied to the bow to help it pull across the string and produce sound.</p>
Music Stand	<p>Posture is very important for violin.</p> <p>Having a music stand helps to avoid back problems from hunching over to see music!</p>
Soft Cloth	<p>A soft cloth is used to clean rosin off the strings of the violin.</p>
Extra Set of Strings	<p>Strings are easy to replace if they break.</p> <p>This is a rare occurrence if you take proper care of your instrument, but always be prepared!</p> <p>Do not try to tune your instrument until your teacher shows you how.</p>
Violin Case	<p>A case to hold the violin in is very important, especially if you are transporting it to/from school.</p>