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Dear Parents/Guardians of Hempfield Instrumental Music Students:

The purpose of this document is to notify you of the school district's annual rental fees for students using instruments owned by the school district during the 2018-2019 school year. These fees are to be applied toward our allocations for instrument repairs and replacement.

We will use the same two-tiered structure as before, **with no increase in fees** for the 2018-19 school year:

- (1) a **rental/maintenance fee** for students who elect to use school district instruments as their *primary* instruments, often including one for practice at home and one for use in school; and
- (2) a **convenience fee** for students who may have an instrument at home, but who also might use school district instruments at school because their personal instrument may be challenging to transport; or because they have shown interest in switching to another instrument; or because their teacher may have recommended changing instruments for balance considerations.

[Please note: The convenience fee will also be applied for **all percussionists** at the Middle School and High School levels.]

We will continue using the same fee scale as students move through the Elementary, Middle School, and High School levels. You will receive an Instrument Rental Agreement Form/Invoice and addressed envelope from your student's teacher. We ask you to return your form and method of payment for the full year by Friday, October 19, 2018. Students who are eligible for economic hardship status, as defined by the Hempfield School District, will be exempt from paying the fee. If your child would potentially be unable to participate in the instrumental music program as a result of the fee, you may arrange a payment plan with Sharon Rambler (717) 898-5564 or contact the Student Services Office at (717) 459-9009 for additional information. We will not charge any additional fees for the use of these instruments over the summer for continuing lessons.

Please refer to the table below for more specific information:

	<u>Rental/Maintenance Fee</u>	<u>Convenience Fee</u>
Elementary (Grades 4-6)	\$60 per year Fee includes home practice instrument AND instrument used in school if available. (Mostly for Cellos, String Basses, French Horns, Baritone Horns, Tubas and other miscellaneous instruments as available)	\$20 per year
Middle School (Grades 7-8)	\$80 per year	\$20 per year (Including all percussionists , students asked to play Oboes, Bassoons, Bass and Alto Clarinets, Tenor and Baritone Saxophones, and students who elect to switch instruments)
High School (Grades 9-12)	\$100 per year Fee will include the use of concert band AND marching band models of the same instrument (i.e., French Horn and Mellophone or marching and concert tubas)	\$20 per year (Including all percussionists and students asked to play Bass and Alto Clarinets, Tenor and Baritone Saxophones, and some instruments for marching band and/or jazz band as needed)

Please note: There is a family expense cap of \$500 per year family for families who have one or more children participating in extracurricular activities and using HSD instruments.

We certainly do not wish to limit opportunities for students who want to learn to play a musical instrument through the district! We ask anyone who may have excellent-quality, unused instruments at home to consider donating that instrument to the school district so other students may have the same opportunity to learn an instrument at reduced costs. Please feel free to email me if you may have an instrument in excellent condition to donate, and we will provide a formal acknowledgement of your charitable contribution for tax purposes.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your student's instrumental teacher directly if you have concerns or questions regarding the application of this rental program. Thank you for your continued support of our music department.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan W. Mudrick".

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