Grade 4 and 5 Instrumental Music Program 2020-2021 Warren Township Schools, Warren NJ *The Tradition Continues!*



Warren Township takes great pride in our instrumental music program, starting in Fourth Grade. **We are committed to maintaining a safe, healthy, and fun program for all band and orchestra students!** Lessons will begin in the fall either in small groups or on-line, depending on guidelines from the state. Large ensembles will only take place if approved by the state, and only under strict guidelines. <u>We will put the health and safety of our students *first* at all times.</u>

A high-quality instrument is the key to success for beginners. Warren Township works with **Elefante Music** to provide quality instruments for rental. Renting is your family's best option: the cost is reasonable and the instrument will be delivered, *sterilized according to CDC guidelines*, to your child's school in the fall. Elefante guarantees quality and makes it easy to switch if your child wants to try another instrument. **We do not allow students to use low-quality instruments, such as those found at on-line retailers such as Amazon**. These instruments lead to frustration because they are unplayable, even at a beginning level.

Current Third Grade (rising to Fourth) students should choose an instrument as soon as possible. Elefante Music has provided a website to help you in deciding which instrument may be the best fit for you.

The Elefante Music website is here: https://www.elefantemusic.com/choosing-your-instrument/

The website includes a series of instrument demonstration videos to help your child choose. Please take a few minutes to view the videos so you and your child can make the best choice. A list of instruments that we offer is below.

You must use the Warren Township District codes when placing your order with **Elefante Music.** Using these codes ensures you will get our district discount and the necessary lesson books.

WARREN ONLINE RENTAL CODES: 5 MONTH RENTAL: 3047220205 FULL SCHOOL YEAR RENTAL: 304722020

IMPORTANT! Please also fill out our district form indicating your student's instrument choice for next year. This will help us plan for 2020-21. Instrumental Music 2020-21 Form

Thank you! I look forward to having your child join us this fall! Please email me with any questions.

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Instruments Offered In Grades 4 and 5 Warren Township Schools

Band	Orchestra
Brass: • <u>Trumpet</u> • <u>Trombone</u> • Baritone (smaller version of the <u>tuba</u>) Woodwinds: • <u>Flute</u> • <u>Clarinet</u> • <u>Alto Saxophone</u> Percussion: Students study several members of the <u>percussion family</u> (scroll down)	Strings: • <u>Violin</u> • <u>Viola</u> • <u>Cello</u>

Note: We do not offer piano or guitar as part of our program. Students have the option to switch to oboe, French horn, tuba, tenor saxophone, bassoon, or double bass in 6th Grade.