

Local Music Stores



Though not an exhaustive list, these are some of the 'Ms. Grey Approved' music stores in the area.
Please contact the store directly if you have specific questions regarding rental rates.

Sweetwater ONLINE!

[www.sweetwater.com/
instrument-rentals/](http://www.sweetwater.com/instrument-rentals/)
(band and string
instruments)

Lashof Violins

Gaithersburg
301-330-2606
www.lashofviolins.com
(string instruments
and on-site repair shop)

L & L Music Wind Shop

Gaithersburg
www.llmusicshop.com
(band instruments and
on-site repair shop)

Bethesda Violins

Bethesda
www.bethesdaviolins.com
(string instruments
and on-site repair shop)

Middle C Music

Washington, DC
www.middlecmusic.com
(band and string instruments)

Potters Violins

Takoma Park and Gaithersburg
www.pottersviolins.com
(string instruments and
on-site repair shop)

Washington Music Center Wheaton

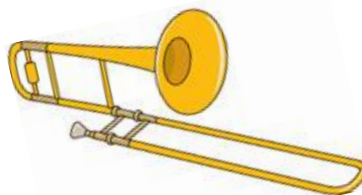
www.washingtonmusic.com
(band and string instruments and on-site
repair shop)

Music and Arts Center

Rockville
www.musicarts.com
(band and string instruments)

Victor Litz Music

Gaithersburg
www.victorlitz.com
(band and string instruments)



A FEW IMPORTANT NOTES 🎵:

- It is recommended that you rent (or buy) from an actual music store, not an online superstore.
 - I know, I know. Ordering from giant retailers that offer everything from trombones to toothpaste with fast and free shipping is a hard thing to pass up. But, the vast majority of instruments sold on these sites are cheaply made, difficult to play, break easily, and cost hundreds of dollars to repair.
 - Many of our local music stores offer convenient online options for rental pickup (some with free shipping!), so please consider patronizing these establishments.
- Know the brands.
 - Many subquality instruments have an unusual or obscure brand name.
 - Some common acceptable band instrument brands are: Armstrong, Artley, Bach, Bakun, Besson, Buffet, Bundy, Conn, Etude, Gemeinhardt, Giardinelli, Haynes, Holton, Jupiter, King, Leblanc, L&L, Noblet, S.E. Shires, Selmer, Yamaha
 - Some common acceptable string instrument brands are: Albert, Eastman, Glaesal, Howard Core, Knilling, Revelle, Stroebel, Suzuki, Weiss, Yamaha
 - These are not comprehensive lists; please ask your teacher if you have any questions about a specific brand.
- If the instrument is available in different colors or comes with white gloves, **STAY AWAY.**
 - I see this one a lot. These sellers are trying to entice you with flashiness instead of quality. If your child strongly desires a pop of color on their instruments, there are many acceptable instrument accessories to do so.
- If the deal seems too good to be true, it probably is! Your money is much better spent on a rental plan for a quality instrument through a local music store.
 - Quality instruments typically range in cost from a few hundred to thousands of dollars. Instruments in the \$100-200 price range are very cheaply made, difficult to play, and break easily. Furthermore, many local music stores will refuse to repair these cheap products because they cost more to repair than they are worth.
 - There are also good used instrument options to help save on cost. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding appropriate used instruments.
- String instruments come sized to fit the student. Make sure you rent the appropriate size.
 - Your music teacher or the music store staff should be able to measure your child. There are also numerous instrument sizing guides available online.

