



# ISLIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DEPARTMENT OF FINE & PERFORMING ARTS  
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Mr. Brian Kroll, Director

Dear Future Music Students & Families:

Welcome to the exciting world of music! Over the past several weeks your child saw a demonstration of musical instruments available for beginning study in the fourth grade. Beginning next year, your child will have an opportunity to participate in weekly group lessons as well as perform in our elementary school bands or orchestras. Please take a moment to discuss this experience with your child to determine their level of interest in our music program. Instruments offered include violin, viola, cello, string bass, flute, clarinet, bass clarinet, saxophone, french horn, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn and percussion. Pictures of all these instruments are included on the back of this letter for reference and discussion. I also encourage you to explore [bepartofthemusic.org](http://bepartofthemusic.org) where you can get further information about the benefits of music education as well as videos of all of the band and orchestra instruments.

**Please complete the form below and return it to your child's classroom teacher before June 1st.** Your child will then meet with our instrumental music teachers and an appropriate instrument will be recommended for them. This evaluation is based on basic skills, ability, size and physical characteristics as well as the number of instruments available in each section.

Research points to three important factors for student success in instrumental music: 1) rhythmic aptitude; 2) perceived parental support; and 3) instrument choice (that is, the student likes the **sound** of the instrument they select). While student preference is an important factor in selecting an instrument, please be aware that as part of a public-school music program, proper instrumental balance is crucial in organizing performing groups. Therefore, we ask you and your child to **select both a first and second choice** of instrument to study. If you have any questions about the availability of certain instruments, please contact the band or orchestra director in your building.

Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mr. Brian Kroll  
Director of Fine & Performing Arts

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CLASSROOM TEACHER  
BEFORE JUNE 1, 2021**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ School: (circle) CRES SES

I would like to play: (choose two instruments) 1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

My child plays piano: No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ # of years playing piano \_\_\_\_\_

My child plays another instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ # of years: \_\_\_\_\_

My child owns an instrument: No \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Type of instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional information that you would like to share with us: