

POLICY: DFDA-E
Adopted: November 27, 1995
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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HARTFORD JOINT NO. 1
INSTRUMENT RENTAL/USE DISCLAIMER**

When an instrument is rented through the school, the fees are applied toward the maintenance budget in the program. Maintenance is defined as the necessary repairs needed from the normal wear that an instrument goes through from year to year. This includes, but is not limited to, chemical cleaning, re-soldering joints, case repair or replacement, pad replacement, tune-ups, snare replacements along with heads, etc.

The school cannot be held liable for negligence on the student's part. In general, when something is not one's own property, misuse can become a habit, or one is not as "careful"; that is when instruments can and will get damaged.

If your child's school rented/used instrument is damaged beyond normal wear and tear, or lost, you will be expected to pay for the damages or loss. This includes lost items that belong as part of that particular instrument (ligatures, mouthpieces, neck straps, etc.). If the damage is so great that the instrument needs to be replaced, the school insurance policy will cover the loss. The student or parent/guardian will be responsible for the deductible amount of the insurance.

Please reinforce with your student the importance of taking care of his/her instrument, with its case, properly and making sure that all parts are in the case afterward every time it is played. Percussion students need to be reminded to respect all of the instruments that they use in the band room by attending to them properly. Part of being in band is teaching responsibility.

If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact the Central Middle School band office.

I have read the policy above, understand its implications and, if necessary, will adhere to the conditions stated.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

This form must be on file in order for your student to rent/use a school-owned instrument.