

To: Gail Netland, director of Curriculum
From: Teri L. Akervik, Music Curriculum
Re: Instrument Rental Fees
Date: 4/2/19

The Music Department is recommending a change in the current fee structure of rental fees for the Duluth Public Schools instrumental programs beginning next school year, 2019-20. The recommended increase better aligns the district rental fee with repair/replacement costs and instrument rental fees of comparable districts. This rental fee increase applies to any student renting from the Duluth Public Schools, grades K-12, at all school sites in a general music or instrumental music course. Fees for students qualifying for Free/Reduced Lunch remain at the same percentage.

Rationale:

- The last revision for rental fees was Oct 2004 per policy #6120.
- Repair & equipment purchase costs have increased over the years.
- The age and condition of instruments has increased the amount of repairs.
- No budget for a long-term music inventory repair/replacement plan.

Recommendation to increase at the beginning in FY 2019-20 and subsequent years:

\$100.00 = One Instrument or Percussion-School Year

\$125.00 = Two Instruments (larger instruments to have one at home and school-such as: string bass, bass clarinet, etc.)-School Year

\$30.00 = One Instrument - Summer

The Form #6120 (#35-05-006020) will need to be updated for the fee changes including elimination of the “Secondary” heading, the “Percussion” line and the “Elementary” section.