

# Help! I need an instrument!

I'm so glad you've chosen to be in orchestra! This will be a fun and rewarding class and hopefully you'll discover a passion for music that lasts for a lifetime. If you are looking for a string instrument to rent or purchase, there are many great music retailers in our area. Below is a list of local stores and one website that offer high quality beginner instruments that have proven they stand behind their products. If you plan on purchasing an instrument online or at a pawn shop, you may get a slightly lower price, but it will drastically hinder your ability to make a good sound and will lead to a lot of frustration and difficulty down the road. Always feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

**Mr. Tom Rye is the founder of the Oklahoma Band and Orchestra program and offers great deals on quality instruments with an interest free rent to own program. You can contact him at 405.659.8853 for more information.**

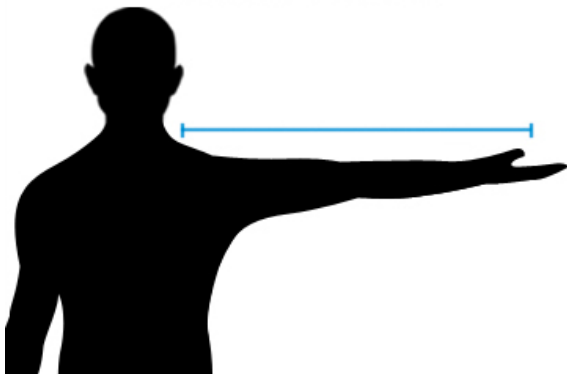
<b>Barnett Music Exchange</b> 8205 East Regal Court Suite 101-104 Tulsa, OK 74133	<b>Palen Music Center</b> 929 N Elm Pl Broken Arrow, OK 74012	<b>Saied Music</b> 3259 S. Yale Ave Tulsa, Ok 74135
<b>Tulsa Strings</b> 4631 E. 31st St Tulsa, OK 74135	<b>Tulsa Violin Shop</b> 220 N Main St Tulsa, OK 74103	<b>SharMusic.com</b>

## What size violin should I get?

Not all students are the same size so not all violins are the same size. You can refer to the sizing chart below or talk to a representative of one of these music stores. Again, let me know if you have any questions at all.

### STEP 1

MEASURE YOUR **ARM LENGTH**  
FROM YOUR **NECK** TO THE  
CENTER OF YOUR **PALM**



### STEP 2

MATCH YOUR **ARM LENGTH**  
AND **AGE** WITH THE CORRECT  
**VIOLIN SIZE**

<b>ARM LENGTH(cm)</b>	<b>AGE(years)</b>	<b>VIOLIN SIZE</b>
35-41	3-5	1/16
41-45	3-5	1/8
45-51	6-7	1/4
51-56	8-9	1/2
56-59	10-11	3/4
59+	12+	4/4