

Tips for Buying a Guitar

Before I begin, please realize that when a student is in the guitar class at Dana Middle School, their guitar has a good chance of being dented and dinged up due to the lack of space and large amounts of people coming and going in the music room. I would recommend a less expensive guitar for their time in class.

Generally speaking, **“You get what you pay for”**

Go to a reputable music store (see list of music stores).

What you get for your money (approximate values):

\$50+	A poor instrument that may break easily and have a thin weak sound.
\$150+	A decent starter instrument for beginners; low resale value.
\$300+	Intermediate instrument that plays and sounds great; good resale value.
\$800+	Professional instruments with many options, great quality, great sound.

Some well-known brands:

Taylor	Guild
Rickenbacher	Ovation
Martin	Yamaha
Fender	Gretsch
Gibson	Paul Reed Smith
Takamine	Line 6
Seagull	Ibanez
Epiphone	

I do not recommend a “First Act” instrument.

I do not recommend instruments off of Ebay unless you know exactly what you are getting.