

### **Looking into purchasing a guitar?**

As for guitars, these are the type of guitars that I recommend because they are very nice for the price. These are the packages that are recommended for my students:

1/2 size\* YAMAHA CGS guitar (or Cordoba), footstool, music stand, case

3/4 size\* YAMAHA CGS guitar (or Cordoba), footstool, music stand, case

### **Budget Concerns?**

The instruments and materials above typically cost under \$200. However, if you cannot afford the guitar now, I do not recommend purchasing a cheaper instrument. Rather, you should consider saving up for one of these entry-level Yamaha's/Cordoba's. Some of the cheaper instruments are not good for the hands or ears of young students.

### **Which Vendors do you Recommend?**

- Johnson String Instrument (see back)
- Guitar Center (Online and Back Bay)
- Musician's Friend (Online only)

### **Which brands do you not recommend?**

Please do not buy First Act brand guitars. These are not constructed in a way that the instrument will sound "in-tune". Students will become frustrated that, despite all their effort, the sound from the guitar is not accurate.

### **Strings?**

I recommend purchasing strings, footstools, and other guitar equipment from Strings By Mail at [www.stringsbymail.com](http://www.stringsbymail.com) They are knowledgeable and focus on the items that you need for guitar class.

Students should typically change their strings every 3-6 months.

### **Need help with strings?**

Every MAP student receives one discounted private lesson for learning how to change strings. Simply choose a private lesson time that fits your schedule at <https://malden.mapflc.com/product/private-guitar-lessons/> and enter coupon code **string-change-lesson**



*Illustration 1: It is not necessary to purchase a guitar for MAPFLC Guitar Level 1, but your child will progress much more quickly with access to a quality instrument.*

**(...continued) Looking into purchasing a guitar?**

**Guitar Shop at Johnson String Instrument**

Johnson String Instrument is another great place to purchase guitars. They have many high quality instruments for kids and knowledgeable staff to assist you.

Johnson String Instrument  
1029 Chestnut Street  
Newton Upper Falls, MA 02464

617-964-0954 or 800-359-9351

<http://www.johnsonstring.com/guitar/index.htm>

[info@johnsonstring.com](mailto:info@johnsonstring.com)



**\*Recommended Guitars sizes by student height:**

Age	Height of Player	Size of Guitar
4-6 years old	3'3" to 3'9"	1/4-Size
5-8 years old	3'10" to 4'5"	1/2-Size
8-11 years old	4'6" to 4'11"	3/4-Size
11-Adult	5' or taller	4/4-Size