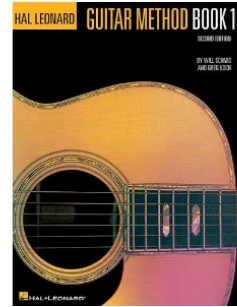


Beginning Guitar Purchase List:

Hal Leonard Guitar Method Book 1 (Book \$7, W/CD \$11)



Guitar (\$50-\$230) Nylon String or Steel String

Acceptable Brands: Yamaha, Mitchell, Ibanez, Samick, Fender, Jay Turcer, Larrivee, Seagull, Jom, among others. The general rule is you get what you pay for.

Instrument does not have to be new, but in acceptable playing condition. It is your job to keep instrument working, you must fix issues immediately when they come up. It's recommended that you get a warranty if option is available.



Case \$50-70

A case is necessary for transporting your instrument safely. I recommend either a soft shell (pictured left) or hard shell (right). Bag cases are not as safe, but are still acceptable.



Extra Set of Strings \$6-\$8

Steel String/Dreadnought Strings - Gauges .11 and .12 are acceptable. If your guitar is smaller or more delicate it may require a lower gauge .10 or .11.

Classical Strings - Ball end string sets are easier to apply when restringing, but standard classical string sets have the best sound. I would recommend medium gauge strings.

Electronic Tuner \$15-\$20



Tuners are relatively cheap and effective, they are necessary to keep your guitar in tune and your practice sessions sounding good. Any music store in town or online will have a cheap tuner available.



Other Materials:

1-1/2 to 2 inch Binder w/Dividers \$2-\$3

Pencils

Loose Leaf Paper

Heavy Duty Lock \$9-\$15 (one lock and locker for every three students see LOCKER REQUIREMENTS)

****Please Note****

Though this may seem like quite an investment for just a beginning guitar class, often most guitarists end up taking the second or all four years of guitar. Orchestral instruments and Band instruments start at \$700+, cheerleading uniforms cost about \$500, and similar costs can incur for football gear and so on. If the student does not stay in guitar for the duration, he/she will be able to enjoy the instrument for years to come, or easily sell the instrument. Also I would like to note if prices you find are a little steep, in Mexico they sell well made entry level brands like "Jom" which are around \$40. They have guitars available at Wal-mart, Target, Best Buy, etc, but please DO NOT PURCHASE instruments from these places. Every year I have students purchase guitars from these stores and they rarely last more than a few months! I highly recommend "*Frets and Necks Guitar Specialty*", the owner Barry Martin has given Chapin Students a special offer when buying a new guitar.

Music Stores:

Frets and Necks Guitar Specialty - (915) 592-4026 11048 Art Wall dr. El Paso, TX 79936

Guitar Center - (915) 775-3900 6440 Gateway Blvd E # 100 El Paso, TX 79905-2007

Bertie's Music - (915) 751-6000 4727 Hondo Pass Avenue El Paso, TX 79904

Strings N Things Music (915) 629-9004 10568 Montana Ave, El Paso, TX - 79925

Repair:

Frets and Necks Guitar Specialty - (915) 592-4026 11048 Art Wall dr. El Paso, TX 79936

Hurd Guitar & Repair Shop - (915) 566-3741 3610 Taylor Ave, El Paso, TX - 79930