

Required Materials

Listed below are instrument brands recommended based on quality, reliability, and service ability. **BUYER BEWARE!** Brands other than those approved by the director should be avoided, as the quality and reliability may be questionable. Generally, discount and warehouse club stores' instruments are not of good quality and can present numerous problems in various areas. In addition, most music stores refuse to repair these instruments. Also, used instruments, particularly woodwinds, may need to be taken to a shop for repair and adjustments. Please keep this in mind and plan to have these instruments ready for the first day of band class with instruments.

Disclaimer Alert: The TRMS Music Staff DOES NOT ENDORSE any brand; the brands listed below are simply suggestions based on our experience.

What to look for when buying an instrument: 1. Does the manufacturer offer a 3 to 5-year warranty? 2. Is the store from which you purchased able to repair and supply parts? 3. How well does the instrument play and how well is it made? 4. Can parts be easily obtained? Feel free to reference directors' input before purchase.

The accessories listed are the bare necessities. Please do not omit any of them.

INSTRUMENT	RECOMMENDED BRANDS	REQUIRED ACCESSORIES
Flute	Yamaha, Jupiter, Armstrong, Bundy, Gemeinhardt	cotton handkerchief, cleaning rod, pencil
Clarinet/ Bass Clarinet	Yamaha, Buffet, Bundy, Jupiter, Leblanc, Selmer	5 reeds at all times, cork grease, cleaning swab, ReedGard (for reed storage), pencil
	<u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Vandoren 5RV (lyre), B45, M13; Hawkins 'B'; Clark Fobes 'Debut'. <u>Suggested Ligature:</u> Rovner. <u>Suggested Reeds:</u> D'Addario, Mitchell Lurie, Rico Royal, Vandoren (6 th Gr.-2 ½ or 3, 7 th & 8 th Gr.- 3 or 3 ½)	
Oboe	Yamaha, Fox, Selmer	at least 3 reeds at all times, cleaning swab, ReedGard (for reed storage), pencil
	<u>Suggested Reeds:</u> Jones, Marlin Leshner, Vandoren/Handmade Option: Clara Vargas – cvargas472@gmail.com	
Bassoon	Fox, Schreiber, Selmer, Yamaha	at least 3 reeds at all times, cleaning swab, ReedGard (for reed storage), pencil
	<u>Suggested Reeds:</u> Fox, Jones, Marlin Leshner, Vandoren	
Saxophone	Yamaha, Jupiter, Prelude, Selmer, Bundy	at least 5 reeds at all times, cork grease, cleaning swab, ReedGard (for reed storage), pencil
	<u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Selmer S-80 C*, Rousseau Classic R4 or New Classic NC4, Vandoren V5 A15; Clark Fobes 'Debut'. <u>Suggested Ligature:</u> Rovner ligature. <u>Suggested Reeds:</u> D'Addario, LaVoz, Rico Royal, Vandoren (2 ½ or 3)	
Trumpet	Yamaha, Bach, Eastman, Jupiter, Holton, King <u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Bach 5C or 3C	Valve Oil, Slide Grease, Cleaning Kit, Straight Mute-Tom Crown or Dennis Wick, pencil
Horn	<u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Holton Farkas MDC	Rotary Oil, Slide Grease, Cleaning Kit, pencil
Trombone Baritone	Yamaha, Bach, Eastman, Jupiter, King <u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Bach 6½ AL	Cleaning Kit, "Super Slick" & water bottle, cotton handkerchief, pencil
Tuba	<u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Conn Helleberg 120s	Valve Oil, Slide Grease, Cleaning Kit, pencil
Percussion	Sticks/Mallets/Bag: provided through school instrument rental fee	For Class: stick bag with sticks and mallets For Home: "Real Feel" full head practice pad, wire music stand, tuner/metronome (see below)

METHOD BOOKS ARE PROVIDED WITH THE BAND FEE

***In addition to the above list of accessories required for each individual instrument, ALL students will need a wire music stand for at home practice, and a metronome/tuner.**

Tuner/Metronome Information: All students will need a small portable tuner/metronome. Traditional tuners cost approximately thirty dollars (\$30.00): Boss TU 80, Korg TM-40, or Sabine MT9000. The Accent metronome/tuner is \$14.99.

Smart Phone Options: Tonal Energy Tuner (TE Tuner): Apple (\$3.99)/Android (\$1.99) *Highly recommended tuner/metronome combo*, Metronome: Tempo Lite: Apple/Android (Free), Bandmate Chromatic Tuner: Apple/Android (Free)

Phone Applications: (optional) Fingering: Apple (\$5.99)/Android (N/A), Pitch: Apple(Free)/Android (N/A), InTune: Apple (\$0.99)/Android (N/A), NinGenius Music: Games 4 Kids: Apple (\$2.99)/Android (N/A)