



INSTRUMENT AND SUPPLY LIST 2015-2016

BUYING *or* RENTING INSTRUMENTS

You can buy instruments at several local music stores or online. It is important to purchase a reputable brand from a reputable instrument dealer to insure your student the most success on the instrument and the least amount of time sending the instrument to the repair shop. It is almost ALWAYS better to buy a quality **used** instrument or **rent** one then to buy a brand new instrument "cheap". You can buy or rent instruments at several local music stores or online. Locally we have Alison's World of Music on Airline Highway and Zeagler's Music on Florida Blvd. If you decide to purchase, especially if you prefer to shop online, please contact [Ms. Codina](#) for specific instrument/website recommendations.

RECOMMENDED INSTRUMENTS & SUPPLIES

Below is a list of each instrument, recommended brands, and the supplies that each instrument requires. Links are provided to give you an example of the product recommended.

FOR ALL STUDENTS:

- ♪ *Label all instrument cases with the student's name*
- ♪ *Flip folder and music lyre (purchase at local music store)*
- ♪ *Pencils (Please bring 2 packs of pencils to school to be left in class)*
- ♪ [Music Stand](#) (Optional)
- ♪ **\$35.00 BAND fee collected for music book & sheet music**

Flute - (brands to look for: Yamaha, Gemeinhardt, Emerson, Pearl, Haynes, Muramatsu)

1. [Cleaning kit](#) - Should include: drop cloth for the inside of the instrument and polishing cloth for the outside of the instrument
2. [Tuning Rod](#)
3. ["Flutist Friend" Music Lyre with Flip Folder](#)

Oboe - (brands to look for: Loree, Fox, Yamaha, Selmer)

1. [Cleaning kit](#) - Should include: drop cloth for the inside of the instrument and cork grease
2. [Reeds, Size: Jones Medium Soft or Medium](#) - Handmade reeds are the best option and are often available from private lessons teachers
3. [Flip Folder](#) (flip folder only, music lyres are not made for the oboe)

Clarinet - (brands to look for: Buffet, Yamaha, LeBlanc, Selmer)

1. Reeds: [Vandoren 2 ½ or 3](#) or [Rico Royal 2 ½ or 3](#) - 3-4 boxes should last the year if well taken care of. **Reed quality and strength GREATLY effect pitch and tone, please stick to the recommended brands ONLY for best results!**
 - a. 6th Graders should buy 1 box of size 2, they will step up to size 2 ½ quickly.

2. [Cleaning kit](#) – Should include: cork grease, a drop cloth for the inside of the instrument, mouthpiece brush
3. [Flip Folder](#)
4. [Music Lyre](#)

Bass Clarinet - *Instrument rented through school*

1. Reeds: [Vandoren 2 ½ or 3](#) or [Rico Royal 2 ½ or 3](#) - **Reed quality and strength GREATLY effect pitch and tone, please stick to the recommended brands ONLY for best results!**
2. [Flip Folder](#) (flip folder only, music lyres are not made for the bass clarinet)

Saxophone - *(brands to look for: Selmer, Yamaha, Conn, Keilwerth)*

1. Reeds: [La Voz Medium](#), [Vandoren 2 ½](#), [Rico Royal 2 ½](#) – 3-4 boxes should last the year if well take care of. **Reed quality and strength GREATLY effect pitch and tone, please stick to the recommended brands ONLY for best results!**
 - a. 6th Graders should buy 1 box of size 2 or Medium Soft reeds, they will step up to size Medium or 2 ½ quickly.
2. [Padded neckstrap](#)
3. [Cleaning kit](#) – Should include: cork grease, cloth for the outside of the instrument, mouthpiece brush
4. [Flip Folder](#)
5. [Music Lyre](#)

Low Saxophones - *Instrument rented through school*

1. Reeds: **Reed quality and strength GREATLY effect pitch and tone, please stick to the recommended brands ONLY for best results!**
 - a. Tenor Saxophone Reeds: [La Voz Medium](#), [Vandoren 2 ½](#), or [Rico Royal 2 ½](#)
 - b. Bari Saxophone Reeds: [La Voz Medium](#), [Vandoren 2 ½](#), or [Rico Royal 2 ½](#) -
2. [Flip Folder](#)
3. [Music Lyre](#)

Trumpet - *(brands to look for: Bach, Yamaha, Getzen, King, Conn)*

1. [Mouthpiece](#) – Size 7C (comparable Yamaha Size 11C4) – Size is important and can greatly affect the sound and the ease of playing! Many instruments “come” with a mouthpiece at purchase/rental. Make sure it has a size indicated on it! Advanced players should also have a Size 5C. The brand “Bach” is most recommended.
2. [Cleaning kit](#) – Should include: polishing cloth for the outside of the instrument, mouthpiece brush, valve casing brush, and snake brush (may also include slide grease and valve oil).
3. [Valve oil](#)
4. [Tuning side grease](#)
5. [Flip Folder](#)
6. [Music Lyre](#) (“Yamaha” brand trumpets use a different size lyre, [click here](#))

French Horn - *Instrument rented through school*

1. [Mouthpiece](#) – Holton Farkas Size MDC - Size and brand are important and can greatly affect the sound and the ease of playing!
7. [Cleaning kit](#) – Should include polishing cloth for the outside of the instrument, mouthpiece brush, and snake brush (may also include slide grease and valve oil).
2. [Rotor Oil](#)
3. [Tuning side grease](#)
4. [Flip Folder](#) (flip folder only, music lyres are not made for the french horn)

Trombone - (*brands to look for: Bach, Yamaha, Conn, Getzen*)

1. [Mouthpiece](#) – Size 6 ½ AL or 12C (small shank) - Size is important and can greatly affect the sound and the ease of playing! Many instruments “come” with a mouthpiece at purchase/rental. Make sure it has a size indicated on it!
2. [Mouthpiece brush](#)
3. [Snake Brush](#)
4. [Slide oil](#) or [Slide-o-Mix](#) (the best)
5. [Tuning side grease](#)
6. [Cleaning Cloth](#)
7. [Flip Folder with Lyre](#)

Baritone/Euphonium – *Instrument rented through school*

1. [Mouthpiece](#) – Size 6 ½ AL or 12C (small shank) - Size is important and can greatly affect the sound and the ease of playing! Many instruments “come” with a mouthpiece at purchase/rental. Make sure it has a size indicated on it!
2. [Mouthpiece brush](#)
3. [Valve oil](#) – Purchase several bottles to last the year!
4. [Tuning side grease](#)
5. [Cleaning Cloth](#)
6. [Flip Folder](#)
7. [Lyre](#)

Tuba – *Instrument rented through school*

1. [Mouthpiece](#) – Conn Helleberg 7B - Size is important and can greatly affect the sound and the ease of playing! Many instruments “come” with a mouthpiece at purchase/rental. Make sure it has a size indicated on it!
2. [Mouthpiece brush](#)
3. [Valve oil](#) – Purchase several bottles to last the year!
4. [Tuning side grease](#)
5. [Cleaning Cloth](#)
6. [Flip Folder](#)
7. [Lyre](#)

Percussion – (*Bell kits with snare practice pad, brands to look for: Ludwig, Pearl, Yamaha, Vic Firth*)

1. [Size 5B Sticks](#) – Purchase a few pairs, these get misplaced often!
2. [Bell Kit and Practice Pad](#)

Smart Music: Smart Music is an optional computer music program that is highly recommended for at-home practice. All of the method books used in class as well as the majority of the concert band pieces played can be found on Smart Music. The students can play along with the accompaniment tracks and follow along with the music on screen, record themselves, and see assessment of which notes they missed. It is an invaluable tool. It requires a PC, connection to the internet, and a microphone (most computers have one built in). The subscription fee is \$40.00 a year and can be downloaded at www.smartmusic.com.