

Brown-Barge Middle School

APPROVED INSTRUMENTS GUIDE & MATERIALS CHECKLIST FOR BEGINNING BAND

The following is a list of approved brands for each instrument. The brand names on this list represent high-quality materials and workmanship. It is important that you acquire a well-made instrument in good working condition in order for your child to enjoy a successful experience in band. Besides the instrument, there are some additional items your child must have for cleaning, maintenance, and home practice, which are also listed below.

All students must have Essential Elements Book 1 for their instrument.

It is also highly recommended that every student have a folding music stand and a tuner/metronome.

Flute

Approved Brands: Armstrong, Artley, Buffet, Bundy (original, by Selmer), Eastman, Emerson, Gemeinhardt, Jupiter, Selmer, Yamaha

Additional Materials: cleaning/tuning rod, cleaning swab, polish cloth

Clarinet

Approved Brands: Armstrong, Artley, Buffet, Bundy (original, by Selmer), Eastman, Jupiter, Leblanc, Schreiber, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha

Additional Materials: Yamaha 4C or Vandoren B45 mouthpiece, four #3 Rico or Vandoren reeds, reedguard, cork grease, cleaning swab, polish cloth

Saxophone

Approved Brands: Armstrong, Buffet, Bundy (original, by Selmer), Conn, Eastman, Jupiter, Keilwerth, King, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha

Additional Materials: Yamaha 4C or Selmer C* mouthpiece, four #3 Rico or Vandoren reeds, reedguard, cork grease, cleaning swab, neck strap, polish cloth

Trumpet

Approved Brands: Bach, Besson, Bundy (original, by Selmer), Conn, Eastman, Getzen, Holton, Jupiter, King, Yamaha

Additional Materials: size 7C mouthpiece (or equivalent), valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, valve casing brush, polish cloth

Trombone

Approved Brands: Bach, Besson, Bundy (original, by Selmer), Conn, Eastman, Getzen, Holton, Jupiter, King, Yamaha

Additional Materials: size 6 1/2AL mouthpiece (or equivalent), handslide oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, polish cloth

Euphonium / Baritone Horn

Approved Brands: Bach, Besson, Eastman, Holton, Jupiter, King, Yamaha *(not available from the school)*

Additional Materials: size 12C small-shank mouthpiece (or equivalent), valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth

Tuba

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: size 18 (or equivalent) mouthpiece, valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth

Percussion

Approved Brands: Ludwig, Pearl, or Yamaha percussion kit (practice pad & bells)