

Meigs 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.

Flute

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

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, cleaning/tuning rod, cleaning swab, polish cloth, and folding music stand

Clarinet

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

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Vandoren B45 mouthpiece, 4 Rico or Vandoren #2 ½ reeds, reedguard, cork grease, cleaning swab, polish cloth, and folding music stand

Saxophone

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

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Selmer C-Star mouthpiece, 4 Rico or Vandoren #2 ½ reeds, reedguard, cork grease, cleaning swab, neckstrap, polish cloth, and folding music stand

Trumpet

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

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Bach size 5C mouthpiece (or equivalent), valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, valve casing brush, polish cloth, and folding music stand

Trombone

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

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Bach size 6 ½AL mouthpiece (or equivalent), slide cream, small spray bottle for water, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, polish cloth, and folding music stand

French Horn

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Bach size 11 mouthpiece (or equivalent), mouthpiece pouch, rotor oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and folding music stand

Baritone Horn

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Bach size 6 ½AL mouthpiece (or equivalent), mouthpiece pouch, valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and folding music stand

Tuba

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Bach 24AW or Bach 18 or Conn-Helleberg mouthpiece (or equivalents), mouthpiece pouch, valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and folding music stand

Percussion

Approved Brands: Ludwig, Pearl, or Yamaha percussion kit

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Fresh Approach to the Snare Drum, Fresh Approach to Mallet Percussion, Yamaha ME103 rubber mallets, and folding music stand