

Sims Middle School

APPROVED INSTRUMENT 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, Gemeinhardt, Jupiter, Selmer, Yamaha

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

Clarinet

Approved Brands: Backun, Buffet, Jupiter, Leblanc, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Yamaha 4C mouthpiece (or equivalent), Rovner ligature, six #2 ½ reeds, reedguard, cork grease, cleaning swab, polish cloth, and music stand

Saxophone

Approved Brands: Conn, Jupiter, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Yamaha 4C mouthpiece (or equivalent), Rovner ligature, six #2 reeds, reedguard, cork grease, cleaning swab, neckstrap, polish cloth, and music stand

Trumpet

Approved Brands: Bach, Getzen, Jupiter, King, Yamaha

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, size 7C mouthpiece (or equivalent), valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and music stand

Trombone

Approved Brands: Bach, Getzen, Jupiter, King, Yamaha

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, size 12C mouthpiece (or equivalent), handslide cream, spray bottle (for water), tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and music stand

French Horn

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, rotor oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and music stand

Euphnum/Baritone Horn

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and music stand

Tuba

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and music stand

Percussion

Approved Brands: Ludwig or Pearl drum & bell kit OR Ludwig or Pearl drum kit with CB 6854 bell set (preferred)

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, Performing Percussion Book 1, rubber overlay practice pad (if not already included), music stand