

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

Approved Brands: Conn, Eastman, Jupiter, Yamaha

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

Euphonium/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