

Beginning Band Checklist

- Benefits of taking a music class
 - Discipline
 - Memorization
 - Team building
 - Emotional development
 - Increased coordination
 - And many more!
- Try out instruments with a professional to select the best fit
 - Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, F. Horn, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba, and Percussion are often instruments offered in beginning band. The band director will have specifics for you.
- Have your selection approved by the band director (both of these can be accomplished at the horn drive hosted by *Schmidt's Music* at the middle schools)
- Acquire an instrument from a reputable source (a Rent-To-Own program is highly recommended by band directors due to flexibility and maintenance coverage)
 - Generally approved brands (check with your director for specifics):
 - Jupiter
 - Selmer
 - Armstrong
 - Eastman
 - Yamaha
 - Local music stores should have these brands. Ask to make sure!
- Purchase the additional materials that the band director recommends (supply lists available from band director or online)
 - Book (around \$12)

- Music stand (around \$18)
 - Reeds (clarinet or saxophones) (between \$3-\$5 for clarinet and \$5-\$15 depending on what type of saxophone)/Oil (\$10 or less) (trumpet, trombone [occasionally a cream instead], baritone, f. horn, tuba)
 - Grease (corks on clarinet and saxophones, tuning slides for the others) (around \$2)
 - Cleaning brushes (around \$4 for clarinet or saxophone and \$15 for brass [trumpet, trombone, f. horn, baritone, tuba])
- Have instrument and supplies scheduled to be delivered to the school or put in a safe place where they will not be lost or damaged before the student has proper instruction
- Now you're finished! Your student will learn how to take care of their new instrument in class and you are welcome to all of our other materials we provide on the subject