

Shoal River 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 needs for cleaning, maintenance, and home practice, which are also listed below.

Flute

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

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1 and wire music stand for at-home practice

Clarinet

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

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, 4 reeds, reedguard, cork grease, cleaning swab, and wire music stand for at-home practice

Saxophone

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

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, 4 reeds, reedguard, cork grease, cleaning swab, neckstrap, and wire music stand for at-home practice

Trumpet

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

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, valve oil, and wire music stand for at-home practice

Trombone

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

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1 and wire music stand for at-home practice

French Horn

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, French horn mouthpiece, rotor valve oil, and wire music stand for at-home practice

Baritone Horn

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book 1, small-shank mouthpiece, valve oil, and wire music stand for at-home practice

Tuba

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Tradition of Excellence Book and wire music stand for at-home practice

Percussion

Approved Brands: Ludwig, Mapex, Pearl, or Yamaha percussion kit (bells, practice pad, floor stand, sticks, mallets)

Additional Materials: Fresh Approach to the Snare Drum and Fresh Approach to Mallet Percussion