

Gulf Breeze 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, Artley, Buffet, Emerson, Gemeinhardt, Jupiter, Yamaha

Additional Materials: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1, cleaning/tuning rod, cleaning swab, polish cloth, music stand (optional)

Clarinet

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

Additional Materials: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1, 6 Vandoren strength 2 ½ reeds, reedguard, cork grease, silk cleaning swab, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, music stand (optional)

Saxophone

Approved Brands: Armstrong, Conn, Jupiter, King, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha, Yanagisawa

Additional Materials: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1, 6 Vandoren strength 2 ½ reeds, reedguard, cork grease, silk cleaning swab, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, music stand (optional)

Trumpet

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

Additional Materials: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1, size 5C mouthpiece (or equivalent), Ultra-Pure valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, polish cloth, straight mute (optional), music stand (optional)

Trombone

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

Additional Materials: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1, size 12C mouthpiece (or equivalent), Slide-O-Mix Rapid Comfort, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, polish cloth, music stand (optional)

French Horn

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1, size 11 mouthpiece or equivalent (optional first year, required second year), Ultra-Pure valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, polish cloth, music stand (optional)

Baritone Horn

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1, size 6 1/2AL mouthpiece or equivalent (optional first year, required second year), Ultra-Pure valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, polish cloth, music stand (optional)

Tuba

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1, size 18 mouthpiece or equivalent (optional first year, required second year), Ultra-Pure valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, polish cloth, music stand (optional)

Percussion

Approved Brands: Ludwig or CB percussion kit

Additional Materials: Fresh Approach to the Snare Drum, Fresh Approach to Mallet Percussion, 5A or TX747 drumsticks (in addition to those included in perc kit), music stand (optional) [SOE Bk 2: Varsity & Symph Perc]