

Avalon 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 very 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, Bundy (original, by Selmer), Eastman, Emerson, Gemeinhardt, Jupiter, Selmer, Yamaha

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

Clarinet

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

Additional Materials: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1, 4 Rico #2 ½ reeds, reedguard, cork grease, cleaning swab, polish cloth, and music stand

Trumpet

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

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

Trombone

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

Additional Materials: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1, size 12C mouthpiece (or equivalent), handslide oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, polish cloth, and music stand

French Horn

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1, size 11 mouthpiece (or equivalent), rotor oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece pouch, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and music stand

Percussion

Approved Brands: Ludwig or Pearl drum & bell kit (snare drum, bells, practice pad, floor stand, sticks, mallets)

Additional Materials: Standard of Excellence Enhanced Book 1, stick bag, music stand

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