

Approved Instrument Guide & Materials Checklist

for WBMS Beginning Band Students

The following is a list of approved brands for each instrument. The brand names on this list are of high quality and workmanship. It is important that you acquire a quality instrument in good working condition in order for your child to enjoy a successful band experience. In addition to the instrument, there are some additional items your child should have for cleaning, maintaining, and practicing which are also listed below.

Music book for Varsity and Symphonic Band Students – Standard of Excellence, Book 2 by Bruce Pearson
Music Book for Beginning Band Students – Standard of Excellence, Book 1 by Bruce Pearson

FLUTE

Approved Brands: Emerson, Gemeinhardt, Artley, Armstrong, Yamaha

Additional Materials: Tuning rod, cleaning swab, cleaning cloth and folding music stand

CLARINET / SAXOPHONE

Approved Brands: Yamaha, Vito, Selmer, Artley, Armstrong, and Backun (with Yamaha 4C mouthpiece)

Additional Materials: Rovner ligature, reeds, reed guard, cork grease, cleaning swab, cleaning cloth and folding music stand

OBOE / BASSOON

Instrument is rented from the school.

Additional Materials: Reeds, Cork Grease, Cleaning Swab, Cleaning Cloth and Folding Music Stand *Bassoon player may need a seat strap

TRUMPET

Approved Brands: Yamaha, King, Conn, Getzen, Selmer/Bach (with Yamaha 11C4 mouthpiece)

Additional Materials: Valve oil, mouthpiece brush, folding music stand, cleaning snake

FRENCH HORN

Instrument is rented from the school.

Additional Materials: Vincent Bach 7, Vincent Bach 11, Blessing 11, Yamaha 29D4 *Choose one of these mouthpieces, rotary oil, mouthpiece brush, cleaning cloth, folding music stand, cleaning snake

TROMBONE

Approved Brands: Yamaha, King, Conn, Getzen, Selmer/Bach

Additional Materials: Slide oil, mouthpiece brush, folding music stand, and cleaning snake

BARITONE HORN

Instrument is rented from the school.

Additional Materials: Yamaha 45C2 mouthpiece, valve oil, mouthpiece brush, cleaning cloth and folding music stand, cleaning snake

TUBA

Instrument is rented from the school.

Additional Materials: Yamaha 67C4 mouthpiece, mouthpiece pouch, mouthpiece brush, valve oil, cleaning cloth and folding music stand, cleaning snake

PERCUSSION

Approved Brands: Any percussion kit (includes bell set, practice pad, stand, bell mallets and 2B sticks)

*Bell mallets should be upgraded to a soft mallet—suggested Yamaha or Mike Balter

Additional Niceties:

Tuner, Metronome, Stand

*Although these are not required, they are very helpful to have at home to help students with accurate pitch and tempo! The stand is extremely nice to have to practice—other “make do” set ups could contribute to poor posture/tone production.