

Instrument Information and Supply List

Flute

Beware of ISO's! (Instrument **S**haped **O**bjects) Students that have very low quality or constantly broken instruments tend to get frustrated and want to quit. I do my best to help everyone find a suitable instrument at a price point they can afford. Scam companies have begun selling ISO's under brand names that are *almost* the same as a real brand. Please read the music store recommendations listed on the back. Any instrument you get from a reputable store can be trusted.

Recommended flute brands for new and used instruments:

Yamaha
Jupiter
Selmer
Pearl
Gemeinhardt
Emerson
Amadeus
Armstrong

Required Accessories/Supplies:

Black 1-inch binder
Swab
Plugs (if using an open-hole flute)

Recommended but not required:

Portable music stand for home (\$20-30)

Clarinet

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Recommended clarinet brands for new and used instruments:

Yamaha
Selmer
Buffet
LeBlanc
Jupiter
Backun
Bundy
Vito

Recommended Mouthpiece: Yamaha 4C with Ligature and Cap

Required Accessories/Supplies:

Black 1-inch binder

Cork Grease

Swab

Reed case

Reeds: JUNO or RICO 2.5 strength, one box of 10 to start with

Clarinet players must have 3 working reeds in their case at all times, so more will need to be purchased at some point

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Recommended but not required:

Portable music stand for home (\$20-30)

Alto Saxophone

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Recommended saxophone brands for new and used instruments:

Yamaha
Selmer
Keilwerth
King
Jupiter
Bundy
Conn
Vito

Recommended Mouthpiece: Yamaha 4C with Ligature and Cap

Required Accessories/Supplies:

Black 1-inch binder

Cork Grease

Swab

Reed case

Reeds: JUNO or RICO 2.5 strength, one box of 10 to start with

Sax players must have 3 working reeds in their case at all times, so more will need to be purchased in the future

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Recommended but not required:

Portable music stand for home (\$20-30)

Trumpet

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Recommended trumpet brands for new and used instruments:

Yamaha
Bach
Jupiter
Eastman
King
Conn
Blessing
Getzen
Bundy
Holton

Be wary of brand names designed by scam companies to be close to these names!

Recommended Mouthpiece: Bach 5C or equivalent
(probably comes with the horn)

Required Accessories/Supplies:

Black 1-inch binder

Valve Oil

Slide Grease

Recommended but not required:

Portable music stand for home (\$20-30)

Trombone

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Recommended trombone brands for new and used instruments:

Yamaha
Bach
Jupiter
Eastman
King
Conn
Blessing
Getzen
Bundy
Holton

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Recommended Mouthpiece: Bach 6.5AL or equivalent
(probably comes with the horn)

Required Accessories/Supplies:

Black 1-inch binder

Valve/Slide Oil

Slide Grease (not the same as oil)

Recommended but not required:

Portable music stand for home (\$20-30)

Baritone/Tuba

School owned instrument – paperwork will be sent home for take-home instrument check-out.

If you call one of the stores on the back of this page, they will make sure you purchase the correct equipment.

**Baritone Mouthpiece: Bach 6.5AL or equivalent
Mouthpiece carrying case**

**Tuba Mouthpiece: RT44, Bach 18, or equivalent
Mouthpiece carrying case**

Required Accessories/Supplies for either:

Black 1-inch binder
Valve/Slide Oil
Slide Grease (not the same as oil)

Recommended but not required:
Portable music stand for home (\$20-30)

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Music Stores

These local music stores can assist you in finding a suitable instrument. They will have new and used instruments available for rent and purchase. I recommend these stores because they offer a rent-to-own plan that include service and repairs, and because they have an education representative that makes weekly deliveries to the school.

Band directors in the past have been sued or had other legal action taken against them on behalf of various retailers. Because of this, *I cannot make specific recommendations of stores, brands, or sellers to avoid. I can only suggest ones that I DO recommend.* Many stores claim to sell band instruments... these are our local stores that specialize in them. I would highly recommend against buying an instrument online unless it is from a store that also has a physical location. They are probably selling ISOs.

Andy's Music

1412 Hillcrest Road
Mobile, AL 36695
251-633-8944

Schmidt's Music

105 N Palafox Street
Pensacola, FL 32502
850-434-0317

If you have found a "new" instrument for a price that seems dramatically lower than anywhere else, it is probably an ISO. You will spend more in repairs and eventual replacement than you would have on a higher quality new or used instrument. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions related to this.

Used instruments can be a great value, or can be a waste of time and money. If you are looking for a used instrument outside of a music store, please make sure that you contact me before making a purchase. I can help make sure that you do not waste money on an instrument that is either poor quality or broken beyond repair.

I make every effort to be available during this time of year. Emails and Remind messages come straight to my cell phone. I will even go with you to look at the instrument if needed!

If it seems too good to be true, then it probably is!

Band director contact info: rtwilliams@bcbe.org or message me through Remind!