


Approved Instrument Guide & Materials Checklist

FOR BAILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL BEGINNING BAND STUDENTS

Bailey Middle School's brand of choice is **Yamaha**.

Yamaha represents 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. Please note that there are some brands out there that exist that cannot be repaired and the instrument must simply be replaced, costing you more in the long-run than just renting-to-own a high-quality instrument! Keep this in mind when seeing prices that are "too good to be true!" For younger players, we recommend investing in the rent-to-own instrument **that includes a repair package!**

In addition to the instrument, your child must have some additional items for cleaning, maintenance, and home practice. Please make sure they have everything they need **BEFORE** school starts. Students **WILL NOT** need their instruments the first week of school.

<p>All beginning band students will need a/an:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential Elements Book 1 for their chosen instrument • Metronome/tuner combination (percussion needs only a metronome) • Wire music stand (to be kept at home for practice) • Band ONLY 3 ring binder (black, 1/2 inch, hard cover WITH pockets) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 10 sheet protectors o 10 sheets of notebook paper o 3 ring pencil pouch o 3-5 sharpened pencils o Small pencil sharpener (with built in pencil shavings catcher) 	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BEGINNING BRASS ONLY (Trumpet, Horn, Trombone/Baritone, Tuba) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Embouchure Trainer (can be purchased at local music store)
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Additional supplies needed for the:

- **Flute:**
 - o Cleaning/tuning rod, cleaning swab, polishing cloth
- **Clarinet/Saxophone:**
 - o Yamaha 4C mouthpiece, cleaning swab, 4 working reeds at all time (Vandoren size 3) with a 4-reed guard, Rovner/Versa ligature, Mouthpiece patch & thumb saver
- **Trumpet:**
 - o 7C mouthpiece or equivalent, Ultra-Pure valve oil, tuning slide gel (Bach), mouthpiece brush, snake brush, valve casing brush, polish cloth
- **Horn (instrument is rented from school):**
 - o Size 11 mouthpiece or equivalent, Ultra-Pure valve oil, tuning slide gel (Bach), mouthpiece brush, snake brush, valve casing brush, polish cloth
- **Trombone/Baritone (instrument is rented from school):**
 - o Yamaha 51 mouthpiece, Ultra-Pure valve oil, tuning slide gel (Bach), mouthpiece brush, snake brush, valve casing brush, polish cloth
- **Tuba (instrument is rented from school):**
 - o Conn-Helleberg 120S mouthpiece, Ultra-Pure valve oil, tuning slide gel (Bach), mouthpiece brush, snake brush, valve casing brush, polish cloth
- **Percussion:**
 - o Yamaha percussion kit (includes practice pad & bell kit). You will also need to purchase a metronome, stick bag, a pair of medium yarn mallets (Innovative Percussion IP F1.5 medium preferred) & 5B drum sticks. Student's name or initials must be on each of these items. Use a permanent marker to mark your bag and sticks (on sticks mark them near the top, away from where you hold them so your hands do not rub off the markings).

BAILEY BAND

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Congratulations on your decision to join the Bailey Band! In learning to play a musical instrument, you will begin a journey that can last a lifetime! **Please do not change instrument choices without first speaking with the band directors.** Our email addresses are listed below. When you sign up with us tonight, we will schedule your child in the proper band class based on their choice. If you change, then their schedule will be incorrect. We also sign up a particular number of instruments in each section of the band. In order to change, we will have to determine if an opening exists. Check out our **CHARMS** instructions attached and please get that taken care of ASAP! This is the most common way we will communicate with each other while your child is in the Bailey Band.

- Log on to www.charmsoffice.com, and click the "ENTER" link at upper right.
- Locate the "PARENT/STUDENT/MEMBERS LOGIN" section of the web page.
- Login to your child's program account using the following School Code: JimBaileyBand (all one word)
- When you enter your child's ID NUMBER (your child's lunch number) as a Student Area Password, another more detailed screen appears with even more options to view your student's information. Once you have first entered this ID number, you may create your own, unique password by clicking on the "keyhole" (Change Password) button.
- We have basic info for our new members already there. We only included one email address but we encourage you to add more. Please help us by checking/entering the following info:
 - *Student first and last name spelled correctly
 - *"Add adults". Add information for each parent/guardian. The more, the better.
 - *Please make sure to include a correct mailing address, additional email addresses, phone numbers etc... where prompted.
- We will be sending e-mails and snail mail to you about camp and beginning of the year info based on what we have in Charms.

If you are playing flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone or percussion, you need to make arrangements to get your instrument, either as a purchase or rental, from a local music store. Bailey's brand of choice for all instruments is YAMAHA. The quality that you get with that brand will carry your child through the beginning of their musical experience. Parents, please do not purchase your student's instrument from a discount house or on the internet. Using either of these methods is very risky in the acquisition of a quality instrument. In order to provide your student with the utmost opportunity for a successful musical experience, they will need a good quality instrument. Very often, the repair and maintenance costs will exceed the value of these instruments. If you are doing a rent to own program or purchasing outright, make sure it has a repair contract attached. Also, with the supply and demand issues happening, don't wait to reserve your instrument! Getting that taken care of now will ensure your child will have their instrument for band camp and the start of middle school.

If you are playing a school-owned instrument, i.e. baritone, French horn or tuba, you will need to purchase your own mouthpiece. The fee for playing a school-owned instrument is \$100.00 per semester (\$200.00 per year) and is non-refundable. We do work out payment plans if needed. This fee includes one horn at school and one horn at home. All checks should be made payable to Bailey Middle School. **If your child comes to summer camp please bring at least \$50 toward this payment so we can issue your child an instrument to play. This will be their 'home' horn.**

Once again, welcome to the Bailey Middle school band. We look forward to working with your student!