

It is suggested that ALL instruments purchase a “STARTER PACK” from Paige’s Music

the following is needed for ALL instruments*

Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician (instrument specific)

Cleaning and Care Supplies

Appropriate Mouthpiece (instrument specific)

Music Stand (for home practice)

*All of these materials are included in the starter pack

*See below for percussion accessories

Recommended Instruments and Accessories (provided by students)

Flute: (No unique colors- traditional silver instrument required) Gemeinhardt GFL400 or Yamaha YFL200ADII (or other reputable brand*), cleaning swab, polish cloth

Oboe: Yamaha YOB240, Selmer 1492B or Accent OB590G (or other reputable brand*), 2 Leshner medium soft reeds, cleaning swab, cork grease

Clarinet: (no unique colors-black instrument required): Selmer CL201 or Yamaha YCL400 (or other reputable brand*)
Clark Fobes Debut mouthpiece, Rovner Ligature, Box of VanDoren “Traditional” #2 ½ reeds, cleaning swab, cork grease

Alto Sax: (no unique colors-traditional brass instrument required): Cannonball AA-L-CA (or other reputable brand*)
VanDoren AL3 mouthpiece, Box of VanDoren “Traditional” #2 ½ reeds, cleaning swab, cork grease, neck strap

Tenor Sax: (no unique colors-traditional brass instrument required): Cannonball TA-L-CA or Yamaha YTS200ADII-YA (or other reputable brand*), VanDoren TL3 mouthpiece, Box of VanDoren “Traditional” #2 ½ reeds, cleaning swab, cork grease, neck strap

Trumpet: (no unique colors-traditional brass or silver required): Yamaha YTR200ADII-YA (or other reputable brand*),
Bach 5C mouthpiece, valve oil, slide grease, cleaning snake, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth

French Horn: Rent one from Paige’s & school provides one, Accent (or other reputable brand*), mouthpiece, ROTARY
valve oil, slide grease, cleaning snake, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth

Trombone: Yamaha YSL200-YA (or other reputable brand*), Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece, Slide-O-Mix, cleaning snake, slide sprayer, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth

Euphonium: Rent one from Paige’s & school provides one, Accent (or other reputable brand*) Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece,
valve oil, slide grease, cleaning snake, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth

Percussion: Required: Pearl, Yamaha, or Ludwig percussion kit with bells and piccolo snare drum, Vic Firth SD 1 General
Snare Sticks, 1 book: Simple Steps To Successful Beginning Percussion (Wylie)

School Owned Instruments and Accessories (provided by student)

Bassoon: School provides one instrument; Provided by student: 2 Leshner Medium Reeds, seat strap, cork grease,
cleaning swab

Tuba: School provides two instruments (Home and School); Provided by student: Schlike 67 mouthpiece, valve oil, slide
grease

Reputable brands:

Selmer, Yamaha, Bach, Bundy, Signet, Gemeinhardt, Pearl, Artley, Noblet, King, Conn, Holton, Eastman, Cannonball,
Leblanc, Getzen, Besson, Accent, Vito, Ludwig, Buffet, Fox, Renard

- Please limit your new or used instrument search to these reputable brands. These brands are well respected, and reliable. Please contact us if you have any questions about specific models.



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Dear Sixth Grade Band Families,

We are very excited that your child has chosen to join band in sixth grade. We want to make sure that they are prepared to start learning next year with a quality instrument. In this letter you will find tips on how to acquire an instrument for next year. We recommend that students who are in need of an instrument visit Paige's Music. They have excellent instruments with a repair plan included in the rental cost. If you did not rent during the Registration Night, you may rent online at their website, or visit their store in Indianapolis. Paige's Music is the preferred instrument rental store of HSE Schools. We do not receive any commission or reward from Paige's. We simply feel they provide the best experience.

Paige's Music

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If you want to secure an instrument from another retailer, please be aware of the following guidelines. We do not recommend buying an instrument from Amazon or other "Big Box Stores". Many times, these non-school music stores will offer what seems like very inexpensive instruments. With these instruments, there is no after-sale support, no repair service, and the instruments are typically of low quality. Because they are so inexpensive, they are considered expendable. The results when purchasing from a non-school music store are often frustrated students and higher long-term repair and replacement costs for the parents.

When you are ready to rent or purchase an instrument, here are a few "tips" to help you choose a good quality instrument.

- **Musical instruments are NOT toys!** A usable instrument is a well-constructed work of art, combining both the latest technology and time-tested old-world craftsmanship.
- **Get a name brand instrument.** Do not waste your time on unknown instrument brands. Non-brand name instrument manufacturers often do not make parts available to repair centers. Therefore, locate a good name brand from your teacher or school music store. (See back for more details)
- **An inexpensive instrument can be a waste of time and money.** Not all instruments are created equal! Cheap instruments are usually just that, cheap. If you purchase a "questionable" instrument, you may spend more on repair just to make it usable. Your child will become discouraged when they consistently lose class time as a result of a broken instrument.
- **Consider the value of service after you have purchased.** Repair is an inevitable fact. Alternative sources often do not offer maintenance programs. Most school music stores offer maintenance programs as part of their rental/purchase plans. Usually, the cost is nominal and is well worth the small expense. Remember, it is a matter of "WHEN" not "IF" an instrument in regard to repair and service.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like my input on which instruments are proper and suitable, please do not hesitate to contact us by email or phone. We look forward to getting the chance to teach your child next year!

Thank you!

Matt Harrod, Band Director

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