

## Recommended Instrument Brands and Accessories

As a parent investing in your child's music education, it is very important to invest in a quality musical instrument. So called "bargain" instruments, available online or at discount stores, may seem tempting; however, experience has proven over and over again that these instruments are truly no "bargain" at all. Most often, the low price is the result of poor workmanship and lower quality materials. These instruments usually break more easily and are difficult, sometimes impossible, to repair. In many cases, they cannot be played in tune and the quality of the sound they produce is very poor. It is disheartening to see a child's enthusiasm for music destroyed by an instrument that does not allow them to reach their full potential. A poor quality instrument also affects the overall sound of the band, tarnishing the experience for all. It is with these concerns in mind that we provide you with this list of recommended band instrument brands and accessories. We have found over the years that these instruments are durable, easy to repair, and will give your child the best opportunity to succeed as a young musician. (The brands are not listed in any particular order.)

If the instrument you are considering is not listed here, ask the seller for the instrument specifications and absolutely consult with your child's band director before you rent or buy.

### Flute

Gemeinhardt (e.g. 52SP, 2SP)

Armstrong (e.g. 104)

Yamaha (e.g. YFL221)

Accessories: swab, cleaning rod, polishing cloth (opt.)

### Oboe

Yamaha (e.g. YOB241)

Selmer (e.g. 1492B)

Accessories: 2-part silk swab, cork grease, Jones med. soft reed(s)

### Clarinet

Leblanc (e.g. 7214, 7212PC)

Buffet (e.g. B12, E-11)

Selmer (e.g. CL301, CL201)

Accent Yamaha (e.g. YCL450N for wood clarinets)

Accessories: Hite Premier mouthpiece, swab, cork grease, Vandoren "2 ½" clarinet reeds (Box of 10)

### Saxophone

Selmer (e.g. AS300)

Yamaha (e.g. YAS23A, YAS23)

Accessories: swab, cork grease, Rico Royal or Vandoren "2" alto sax reeds (Box of 10)

**Trumpet**

Holton

Selmer/Bach (e.g. TR300H)

Yamaha (e.g. 2335A)

Jupiter

Accessories: Bach 5C mouthpiece, slide grease, valve oil, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth & cleaning snake (opt.)

**French Horn**

Yamaha (e.g. YFR314, YHR314 II)

Holton (e.g. H602)

Bach (e.g. 1101)

Conn (e.g. 14D)

Accessories: Bach 7S, Schilke 30, or standard 11 mouthpiece, slide grease, rotary valve oil, polishing cloth (opt.)

**Trombone**

Bach (e.g. TB300)

Conn (e.g. 22H)

Jupiter

Yamaha (e.g. YSL354)

Accessories: Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece, slide grease, slide cream, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth (opt.)

**Baritone/ Euphonium**

Yamaha YEP201

Bach B1104

Accessories: Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece, slide grease, slide cream, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth (opt.)

**Tuba**

Bach

Jupiter

Yamaha

Accessories: slide grease, valve oil, mouthpiece brush, polishing cloth (opt.) (Please purchase mouthpiece if using a school tuba)

**Percussion Kit**

Ludwig M651R (rolling)- includes snare drum, practice pad, and bell set

(No accessories needed; extra sticks or stick bag opt., metronome opt.)