

PALMER MIDDLE SCHOOL 8th Grade BAND

Required Materials & Instrument Recommendations

BUYER BEWARE! Brands other than those approved by the director should be avoided, as quality, reliability, parts availability, and repair support may be questionable.

PMSB Disclaimer: The Palmer Middle School Band Staff DOES NOT ENDORSE any brand; the brands listed below are suggestions based on our experience.

What to look for when renting/purchasing an instrument:

- Does the manufacturer offer a 3–5 year warranty?
- Can the store repair the instrument and provide parts? If you purchase online, there may be significant difficulty with instrument maintenance and repairs.
- How well does the instrument play and how well is it made?
- Can replacement parts be easily obtained?
- Please consult a band director before purchase.

Instrument	Recommended Brands / Suggestions		Required Accessories
Flute	Yamaha, Jupiter, Armstrong, Bundy, Gemeinhardt		Cotton handkerchief, cleaning rod, pencil
Clarinet/Bass Clarinet	Yamaha, Buffet, Bundy, Jupiter, Leblanc, Selmer	Suggested Mouthpieces: Vandoren 5RV Lyre, B45, M13, Hawkins B, Clark Fobes Debut Ligature: Rovner Reeds: D'Addario, Mitchell Lurie, Vandoren	Suggested reeds: Vandoren 2 ½ strength or La Voz – medium Number the reeds with a pencil #1-5 and rotate daily cork grease, cleaning swab, ReedGard, pencil
Oboe	Yamaha, Fox, Selmer	Suggested Reeds: Handmade reeds from recommended sites	3 reeds minimum, cleaning swab, ReedGard, pencil
Bassoon	Fox, Schreiber, Selmer, Yamaha	Suggested Reeds: Handmade reeds from recommended sites or private instructor	3 reeds minimum, cleaning swab, ReedGard, pencil
Saxophone	Yamaha, Jupiter, Prelude, Selmer, Bundy	Suggested Mouthpieces: Selmer S80 C*, Rousseau R4/NC4, Vandoren V5 A15, Clark Fobes Debut Ligature: Rovner Reeds: D'Addario, LaVoz, Rico Royal, Vandoren	Suggested reeds: Vandoren 2 ½ strength or La Voz – medium Number the reeds with a pencil #1-5 and rotate daily cork grease, cleaning swab, ReedGard, pencil
Trumpet	Yamaha, Bach, Eastman, Jupiter, Holton, King	Suggested Mouthpiece: Bach 3C	Valve oil, slide grease, cleaning kit, straight mute, pencil
Horn		Suggested Mouthpiece: Holton Farkas MDC	Rotary oil, slide grease, cleaning kit, pencil
Trombone/Baritone/Euphonium	Yamaha, Bach, Eastman, Jupiter, King	Suggested Mouthpiece: Bach or Blessing 6½ AL	Cleaning kit, Super Slick, water bottle, handkerchief, pencil
Tuba		Suggested Mouthpiece: Conn Helleberg 120s	Valve oil, slide grease, cleaning kit, pencil
Percussion	Rental of a Percussion Kit that includes bell kit, stand and drum pad. Avoid kits that rental actual drums. Refer to the percussion Good/Better/Best List		

METHOD BOOKS

Scott Rush – "Habits for a Successful Middle School Band Musician" (Yellow in color)
(with the student's instrument name printed in the upper-right corner of the cover).

ALL STUDENTS REQUIRE:

- Black 2" three ring binder with a plastic front cover for a cover page the band will provide.
- Wire music stand for home practice
- Tuner/Metronome
- Pencil in every rehearsal
- Instrument accessories listed above

Recommended Tuner/Metronome Apps

- Tonal Energy (TE Tuner) – Highly Recommended
- Tempo Lite Metronome (Free)
- Bandmate Chromatic Tuner (Free)
- Traditional tuner/metronomes generally cost \$20–\$45