

# Instrument Information for BMES, Perdido, and Pine Grove

Below are recommendations for instruments brands to look for. This is not an exhaustive list, but does include the most commonly available brands. 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. Music store recommendations are listed on the back.

## All Instruments:

All band students must have a 1-inch black three-ring binder to keep music in. The method book and band shirt are provided (from band fees).

Recommended but not required accessories:

- Metronome (also available in several free smartphone apps)
- Tuner (also available in several free smartphone apps)
- Portable music stand for home practice (around \$20 – this makes a huge difference!)

**Flute** recommended brands: Gemeinhardt, Emerson, Yamaha, Selmer, Jupiter

Required accessories: Cleaning/tuning rod

**Clarinet** recommended brands: Buffet, Leblanc, Yamaha, Selmer, Bundy, Jupiter, Backun

Required accessories: -Mouthpiece and cap      - Ligature  
-Swab      -Cork grease  
-Reeds (sold at school - \$2 each – must have 3 working at all times)

**Saxophone** recommended brands: Conn, Keilworth, King, Yamaha, Selmer, Jupiter

Required accessories: -Neckstrap      -Mouthpiece ligature, and cap  
-Cork grease      -Swab  
-Reeds (sold at school - \$3 each – must have 3 working at all times)

**Trumpet** recommended brands: King, Yamaha, Holton, Getzen, Blessing, Jupiter, Bach, Conn

Required accessories: -Valve Oil, slide grease

**Trombone** recommended brands: King, Yamaha, Getzen, Jupiter, Bach

Required accessories: -slide oil OR slide cream and spray bottle  
-Slide grease

**Baritone/Tuba** – school owned instrument – Student-owned mouthpiece highly recommended

Required accessories: -slide grease, valve oil

**Percussion** – percussionists will need a beginner kit that includes a bell kit and snare pad at minimum.

Percussionists will not play snare drum/pad until at least December.

Recommended brands: Pearl, Yamaha, Ludwig, Vic Firth

Required accessories: -Mallets for bells, and snare sticks