

Ernest Ward Middle School

APPROVED INSTRUMENT GUIDE & MATERIALS CHECKLIST FOR BEGINNING BAND

The following is a list of approved brands for each instrument. The brand names on this list represent high-quality materials and workmanship. It is very important that you acquire a well-made instrument in good working condition in order for your child to enjoy a successful experience in band. Besides the instrument, there are some additional items your child must have for cleaning, maintenance, and home practice, which are also listed below.

All students must have Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician for their instrument.

Flute

Approved Brands: Amadeus, Armstrong, Artley, Buffet, Bundy (original, by Selmer), Eastman, Emerson, Gemeinhardt, Jupiter, Selmer, Yamaha

Additional Materials: cleaning/tuning rod, cleaning swab, polish cloth, and music stand

Clarinet

Approved Brands: Armstrong, Artley, Backun, Buffet, Bundy (original, by Selmer), Jupiter, Leblanc, Schreiber, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha

Additional Materials: 4 Rico #2 ½ reeds, reedguard, cork grease, cleaning swab, polish cloth, and music stand

Alto Saxophone

Approved Brands: Armstrong, Buffet, Bundy (original, by Selmer), Conn, Eastman, Jupiter, Keilwerth, King, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha

Additional Materials: 4 Rico #2 ½ reeds, reedguard, cork grease, cleaning swab, neckstrap, polish cloth, and music stand

Trumpet

Approved Brands: Bach, Besson, Bundy (original, by Selmer), Conn, Eastman, Getzen, Holton, Jupiter, King, Yamaha

Additional Materials: size 7C mouthpiece (or equivalent), valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, valve casing brush, polish cloth, and music stand

Trombone

Approved Brands: Bach, Besson, Bundy (original, by Selmer), Conn, Eastman, Getzen, Holton, Jupiter, King, Yamaha

Additional Materials: size 12C mouthpiece (or equivalent), handslide oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, polish cloth, and music stand

French Horn

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: size 11 mouthpiece (or equivalent), rotor oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece pouch, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and music stand

Baritone Horn / Euphonium

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: size 6 1/2AL mouthpiece (or equivalent), valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece pouch, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and music stand

Tuba

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: size 18 mouthpiece (or equivalent), valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece pouch, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and music stand

Percussion

Approved Brands: Ludwig, Mapex, Pearl, or Yamaha percussion kit (bells, practice pad, floor stand, sticks, mallets)

Additional Materials: music stand