

Sims 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 Standard of Excellence Book 1 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, tuner/metronome combination, and music stand

Clarinet

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

Additional Materials: Yamaha 4C mouthpiece, 4 Vandoren #2 ½ reeds, reedguard, Rovner/Versa ligature, tuner/metronome combination, mouthpiece patch, thumb saver, 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: Yamaha 4C mouthpiece, 4 Vandoren #2 ½ reeds, reedguard, Rovner/Versa ligature, tuner/metronome combination, mouthpiece patch, thumb saver, 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), Ultra-Pure valve oil, tuning slide grease (Slide-Eze), mouthpiece brush, snake brush, valve casing brush, tuner/metronome combination, polish cloth, and music stand

Trombone

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

Additional Materials: Yamaha 51 mouthpiece, Rapid Comfort slide-o-mix, tuning slide grease (Slide-Eze), tuner/metronome combination, mouthpiece brush, snake brush, polish cloth, and music stand

Baritone Horn / Euphonium

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Yamaha 51 mouthpiece, Ultra-Pure valve oil, tuning slide grease (Slide-Eze), tuner/metronome combination, snake brush, valve casing brush, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and music stand

Tuba

Instrument is rented from the school

Additional Materials: Conn-Helleberg 120S mouthpiece, Ultra-Pure valve oil, tuning slide grease (Slide-Eze), tuner/metronome combination, valve casing brush, snake brush, mouthpiece brush, polish cloth, and music stand

Percussion

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

Additional Materials: metronome, stick bag, Innovative Percussion IP F1.5 medium yarn mallets, 5B drum sticks, music stand