

Supply List and Recommended Instrument Brands

Saratoga District & Redwood Middle School Bands

ALL STUDENTS

Wind instruments: Chromatic tuner & metronome (some brands make a combo device, such as the Korg TM50)

All: Music stand (essential for home practice!)

Optional: Instrument stand (recommended for many; oftentimes an instrument already out and set up yields more motivation and ease to practice!)

FLUTE

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Muramatsu, Miyazawa, Haynes, Powell, Gemeinhardt

Daily Required Supplies: Tuning/cleaning rod, cleaning cloth

OBOE

Recommended Brands: Your oboe should have a LEFT F key. Check to be sure before obtaining any oboe. Loree, Fox, Yamaha

Daily Required Supplies: at least two good, working reeds from Forrests or another professional reed maker (no plastic/fiber reeds!), protective container for the two reeds (**not** the plastic tubule), small water cup/container, silk oboe swab, cork grease

BASSOON

Recommended Brands: Fox, Renard

Daily Required Supplies: at least two good, working reeds from Forrests or another professional reed maker (no plastic/fiber reeds!), protective container for the two reeds (not the plastic tubule), seat strap, small water cup/container, silk bassoon swab, cork grease

CLARINET

Recommended Brands: Buffet, Yamaha

Daily Required Supplies: at least three good, working reeds (#2 ½ or higher traditional Van Doren; no plastic/fiber reeds!), reed guards/case, silk clarinet swab, cork grease, mouthpiece brush

Recommended Mouthpiece: Yamaha, Van Doren, Clark Fobes

SAXOPHONE

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Selmer, Yanagisawa (for professional horns)

Daily Required Supplies: at least three good, working reeds (#2 ½ or higher traditional Van Doren; no plastic/fiber reeds!), reed guards/case, silk sax swab, cork grease, mouthpiece brush

Recommended Mouthpiece: Selmer C*, Yamaha 4C, Van Doren Optimum AL, Clark Fobes – (make sure the mouthpiece that you get is a *classical* sax mouthpiece)

TRUMPET

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Bach, Conn, King, Getzen

Daily Required Supplies: Valve oil (not key oil), tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, cleaning snake, polishing cloth

Recommended Mouthpiece: Bach 5C, 3C, or equivalent

FRENCH HORN

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Holton, or Conn DOUBLE horn for rental, Conn 6D or 8D Double Horn for purchase

Daily Required Supplies: Rotary valve oil (not key oil), tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, cleaning snake, polishing cloth

Recommended Mouthpiece: Vincent Bach 7, Schilke 30

TROMBONE

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Bach, King, Getzen

Daily Required Supplies: Liquid trombone slide cream and spray bottle filled with water, mouthpiece brush, tuning slide grease, cleaning snake, polishing cloth

Recommended Mouthpiece: 6 ½ AL (small shank) – Bach or Faxx

BARITONE/EUPHONIUM

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Conn, Bach, Besson

Daily Required Supplies: Valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, cleaning snake, polishing cloth

Recommended Mouthpiece: Bach 6 ½ AL (small shank) – Bach or Faxx

TUBA

Recommended Brands: Students usually borrow school tubas, BUT if you want to rent or buy one: Bach, Conn, Yamaha (B-flat tubas!!!)

Daily Required Supplies: Valve oil, tuning slide grease, mouthpiece brush, cleaning snake, polishing cloth

Recommended Mouthpiece: Helleberg, Conn

PERCUSSION

Daily Required Supplies:

Stick bag

At least one pair of snare drum sticks (Vic Firth SD1 or SD2)

At least one pair of plastic bell/xylophone mallets

One pair of each: blue yarn mallets (23R) and green yarn mallets (22R)

FOR HOME: A bell/pad practice set. Vic Firth has several sets: V8705, V8806, and V6705 (V6705 features a snare drum in addition to the practice pad and bell set)