

Recommended Instrument List

The following is a list of brands and model numbers that we recommend for our students. Certain instruments can keep your child from reaching their full potential, and in some cases hold them back considerably. We ask that you contact us before buying another type of instrument. McKay Music Company will be including the required beginner mouthpiece with most of the instruments. However, in the case that you purchase an instrument elsewhere, the required mouthpiece is listed. **All students are required to purchase their beginner book, Essential Elements 2000 Book 1.**

Flute

- Armstrong 303b
- Yamaha YFL-221NA Flute

Clarinet

- Normandy 4 (wood)
- Selmer CL200 (wood)
- Schreiber 6025 or 6026 (wood)
- Leblanc LB210 (wood) or LB310 (composite with wood barrel)

Vandoren 5rv or Hite Premiere mouthpiece required

Vandoren 2 ½ reeds are required

Saxophone

- Yamaha YAS-23A Alto Saxophone
- Selmer AS300 Alto Saxophone
- Conn 24M Alto Saxophone

Selmer C* or Hite Premiere mouthpiece required

Vandoren 2 ½ reeds are required

Trumpet (no cornets)

- Yamaha YTR2335
- Yamaha YTR4335GS
- Bach TR200 or TR200s

Bach 5C mouthpiece is required

Trombone

- Yamaha YSL8820
- Yamaha YSL354
- Bach TB200

Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece is required

French Horn

Farkas MC Mouthpiece is required

French Horn cleaning kit and valve oil required

Baritone

Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece is required

Baritone cleaning kit and valve oil required

Tuba

Bach 24 AW mouthpiece is required

Tuba cleaning kit and valve oil required

Percussion

- Pearl Percussion Starter Kit (Pad & Bells) - Model PK800C*
- Innovative Percussion (IP) Fundamental Pack Model FP-2*
- Boss DB30 Compact Metronome*

Simple Steps to Successful Beginning Percussion by Kennan Wiley*

*** All of the percussion items listed above are required. All students must have the models listed.**

Where do I buy an Instrument?

Below we have listed a few places to buy a beginner instrument for your incoming 6th grade band student. These companies provide great instruments with purchasing and leasing plans. They also provide warranties on all of the instruments that they sell.

We encourage you to check with friends and family, local newspapers, and pawn shops for instruments as well. Feel free to email us to ask about other brands and models that might work well for your beginner. Beware of any instrument brands or prices that seem too good to be true. Many of those brands are completely unreliable, and work on a different tonal system.

Award Music Inc.

200-B Fourth Street
Terrell, TX 75160
(Behind Braum's)
www.awardmusic.com
972.524.9995

McKay Music Company

435 W I-30 W
Garland, TX
(972) 240-0074

**McKay will be at Crandall Middle School on Wednesday, September 2, 2009
from 3:30-6:30 PM to rent and sell instruments, band books and accessories.**

Lone Star Percussion

10611 Control Place
Dallas, TX 75238
www.lonestarpercussion.com
214.340.0835

Lone Star only sells percussion but has a repair service for all instruments.