

Lindale Independent School District Beginner Band Instrument List

Please be very careful about being brand specific and model number specific when comparing instruments and prices to avoid future problems. One number different on the model number can make a huge difference.

Preferred Instruments:

Flute: Yamaha YFL200AD
Clarinet: Selmer 1310S with Vandoren 5RV Lyre mouthpiece, Rovner dark ligature
Saxophone: Yamaha YAS200ADII
Trumpet: King 601 with Bach 7C mouthpiece
Trombone: King 606 with Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece
Percussion: Innovative Percussion Model # IPB10T—has practice pad and bell set with stand & Stick bag with various mallets—we will handle this in class.

Acceptable Instruments: This is not an exhaustive list as there are others that are also acceptable.

Flute: Selmer, Armstrong 104
Clarinet: Yamaha YCL400AD, Buffet E-11, Selmer 110
Please have a Vandoren 5RV Lyre mouthpiece, Rovner dark ligature
Needs to be a wood clarinet, not plastic

Saxophone: Selmer ASOL300, Selmer AS400, Yamaha YAS23 or 26, Yamaha YAS200AD
Trumpet: Bach USA TR300H2, Yamaha YTR200AD
Trombone: Yamaha YTB200AD, BachTB301
Percussion: Yamaha Bell Kit SPK 275—must have practice pad, bell set and stands.

Mouthpieces:

French Horns: Yamaha 30C4
Baritones: Bach 6 ½ AL
Tubas: Conn Helleberg

We strongly suggest that you wait until school begins in the fall to purchase any listed mouthpieces. We will place a group order and get them cheaper than you can do individually. Your child's teacher will provide this information on the second day of school.

Instruments to avoid: Conn/Selmer has farmed out work to China and these are being made there. Please avoid any instrument stamped Prelude. Many instruments manufactured today cannot be repaired anywhere and are basically considered as "throw away" instruments. Some are using similar spellings with one letter change. This is not an exhaustive list as there are many varieties and name changes every year.

Flute: Selmar, Bundy

Trumpets: Bach TR500, TR600, TR701, 711
Conn 27B

Trombones: Bach TB600, TB701, 711
Conn 27H
King 306

Saxophones: Selmer AS600, AS711; Conn 27M

The age old saying "if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is" also applies to quality band instruments. If you see a new instrument for significantly less it is probably extremely inferior and will cause much frustration for your child. It is usually not a good idea to buy band instruments where you can also buy appliances, clothing, food, etc.