

Lindale Bands

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Dear Band Parents,

Welcome to the Lindale Band Program! We are excited that you and your student are joining our band family. Did you know that according to The College Entrance Examination Board and the College Bound Seniors National Report of 2001, students with coursework in music performance score higher on the SAT? Music students scored 57 points higher on the verbal and 41 points higher on the math portion of the SAT than students with no music experience.

In addition, we have many graduates of Lindale High School that receive scholarships to colleges and universities to play in the band. **That financial aid can really make a difference for a student wanting to go to college.** Congratulations to you for investing in your child's future.

On Wednesday, August 26th, from 4:00-7:00 PM, we will be having our annual beginner horn drive at the EJ Moss Band Hall. If you have not purchased an instrument for your student this will be a great time to do that. Representatives from Tatum Music Company in Tyler and Longview will be on hand that evening with instruments from our recommended and acceptable brand list. They will be able to answer any questions that you might have in regard to their rental/purchase plan. ***We will have appointed times for beginners to show up depending on what they play.*** The band directors will be there that evening to answer any questions that you might have in regard to our band program. If you are purchasing a mouthpiece, beginner book, and such supplies, we are asking that you wait until the second day of school and we will send information on how to purchase those materials home.

Your band directors are not concerned with where you buy your student's instrument, we just want to make sure that each student has a good-quality, reliable horn. Learning a new instrument is an exciting time, and we want to keep it that way with a quality instrument. There are several music stores in the East Texas area from which you can choose. If you do buy locally, our recommendation is Tatum Music Company of Tyler or Longview. Tatum Music carries the preferred brands of instruments and has a first rate repair shop in both of their stores. You can also purchase an instrument online or in the metroplex; however, any warranty work will need to be shipped back to their designated repair shop.

If you have already purchased an instrument for your beginning band student, please **do not** allow them to put the instrument together or play it until they have been given proper instruction by their director on the care of their instrument. This will save you money on unnecessary repairs.

If you have found or purchased an instrument that is **not** on the preferred or acceptable instrument list that is provided on the back of this letter, please contact the band director and discuss with them the instrument you have found. We would like to look at it in order to help you protect your investment.

*****Please check with your child's specific band teacher about any instrument not on the list. Thursday, each band director will provide an additional letter that is more specific to each class with some additional information and other required supplies.**

*****Please remember if your student plays flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, or percussion; you will be required to purchase an instrument for your student. French Horn, Baritone, and Tuba are school provided instruments.**

Thank you for allowing us to teach your child. We look forward to meeting you.

Lindale Independent School District

Beginner Band Preferred Instrument List

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Greeting Beginner Band Parents!

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. Also there may be models that are completely acceptable that are not on this list. If you encounter one, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email me as I will not be back in my office till the new school year.

Preferred Instruments:

Flute: Yamaha YFL200AD
Clarinet: Selmer 1310S with Vandoren 5RV Lyre mouthpiece, Rovner dark ligature
Saxophone: Yamaha YAS200ADII
Trumpet: King 601 (old model), King KTR301 (new model) with Bach 7C mouthpiece
Trombone: King 606 (old model), King KTB301 (new model) with Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece
Percussion: See note Mr. Kelley sent home with student - he will be in contact

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

Flute: Selmer, Armstrong 104 (old model), Selmer SFL301 (new model)
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 (old model), Selmer AS400 (old model), Selmer SAS301 (new model),
Yamaha YAS23 or 26, Yamaha YAS200AD
Trumpet: Bach USA TR300H2, Yamaha YTR200AD
Trombone: Yamaha YTB200AD, BachTB301
Percussion: He will be in contact.

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. We do NOT require students to have materials prior to the third week of school. If you would like to go ahead and get their instrument and mouthpiece sooner rather than wait, please do not let your child play on it yet. We want to teach them how to care and hold the instrument so you do not encounter damages so soon.

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. *****