

6th Grade Band Instruments

Instrument rental/purchase is one of the most vital things to our students' enjoyment of music and being successful in band. At the 6th grade level, it is especially important that they start on quality equipment. When I say quality, I am not talking about professional level instruments and mouthpieces. There is quality level beginner equipment, as well, and that is what will help make our students successful. The slightest change in equipment will affect their ability to produce a quality sound. Ultimately, it is my hope that all students have the same opportunity to enjoy their years in band!

The table below will explain in detail what is needed for each instrument. We have tried to make band as affordable as possible. Therefore, I have only listed things that are necessary for each child to be successful. Also, NO student will be denied the opportunity to be in band based on their equipment, and/or their ability to purchase/rent an instrument. We WILL find an instrument for your child!

However, please note the specific requirements for each instrument. You should also be aware that you will not be purchasing a method book, so the prices you see will be close to your total investment for this year. The only thing that is not listed here is the \$40 band fee paid at any time to "SMMHS Music Boosters". You can pay this by check or on the band website, smmsbands.com. However, what a great value to be a part of such a special program! The last financial element of the band is our one fundraiser, the Cheesecake Sale!

The brands listed here offer beginning and advanced models. Any model you find to purchase or rent within these guidelines will be a great investment (As long as it's in good condition. However, I highly recommend staying away from used instruments that haven't been serviced)*

| Instrument | School Rented | Local Music Store Rental | Mouthpiece Requirement | Brands to look for if purchasing! (in order of quality) | Additional Equipment Necessary |
|--------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Flute | Limited number and of lower quality (Please contact me) | Yes | None | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yamaha 2. Eastman 3. Jupiter 4. Pearl 5. Armstrong 6. Gemeinhardt | Flute swab for moisture |

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| Clarinet | Limited number and of lower quality (Please contact me) | Yes | David Hite or Yamaha 4C(included in Giant Steps rentals) with Rovner or BG ligature (also included in rentals) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Buffet 2. Yamaha 3. Selmer (Vito LeBlanc) | Clarinet swab for moisture, 1 box of Rico 2.5 reeds |
| Alto Saxophone | No | Yes | David Hite or Yamaha 4C (included in Giant Steps rentals) with Rovner or BG ligature (also included in rentals) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yamaha 2. Eastman 3. Jupiter 4. Selmer | Alto Saxophone swab for moisture, 1 box of Rico 2.5 reeds |
| Trumpet | Limited number and of lower quality (Please contact me) | Yes | Bach 7C (included in Giant Steps rentals) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bach 2. Eastman 3. Yamaha 4. Getzen | Valve oil |
| French Horn | Yes (\$150 per year) | No | Bach 11 (included in school rental) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conn 2. Eastman 3. Yamaha 4. Holton | None |

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| Trombone | Limited number and of lower quality (Please contact me) | Yes | Bach 6.5 AL (included in Giant Steps rental) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bach 2. Eastman 3. Yamaha 4. Blessing 5. Getzen | Slide oil |
| Baritone | Yes (\$150 per year) | No | Bach 6.5 AL (not included in school rental) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yamaha 2. Eastman 3. King 4. Jupiter | Valve oil |
| Tuba | Yes (\$150 per year) | No | Bach 18 (included in school rental) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yamaha 2. Eastman 3. King 4. Jupiter | Valve oil |
| Percussion | Yes (\$150 per year) | No | None | <p>No need to buy percussion equipment. The student's percussion fee will be used to buy each student their personal equipment</p> | None |

