

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!

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	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

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

