

## Suggested Instrument Upgrades

Many students choose to upgrade their instrument in middle school or high school. An upgraded instrument makes a tremendous difference. **At the very least you should upgrade your mouthpiece.** The mouthpieces that come with instruments are almost always terrible. An upgraded instrument will give you a better tone, will play more in tune, and will often improve your range and technique. In short, a professional instrument is easier to play than a beginning instrument and produces far superior results. I have included a list of recommended instrument models. Your private teacher may have additional ideas. If you would like some assistance locating any of these at a reasonable price, call me and I would be happy to give you some ideas on where to begin your shopping.

### Flute

Pearl Quantz  
Armstrong 80  
Emerson 8  
Artley 108  
Gemeinhardt 35

### Bb Clarinet

Buffet R-13  
Leblanc L-300  
Leblanc 1176  
Selmer 10G or 10S  
Yamaha YR-70

### Oboe

Fox 400  
Loree  
Marigaux

### Bassoon

Fox Renard 222  
Fox Renard 220  
Schreiber S-54  
Schreiber S-60

### Saxophone

Selmer Mark VI  
Selmer Super Action 80  
Selmer Omega  
Yamaha 62  
Yanagisawa

### French Horn

Holton Farkas H-179  
Conn 8-D  
King Eroica  
Yamaha YHR 664

### Trumpet

Yamaha Bach Stradivarius ML bore  
King 2000  
Monette (very expensive)  
Calicchio

### Trombone

Bach 42B  
King 5B  
Holton TRI 58  
Conn 88H  
Yamaha 6000 series

### Bass Trombone

Bach 50B2

### Tuba

Miraphone S186 4U  
Meinel Weston 25

### Euphonium

Boosey and Hawkes (Sovereign)  
Yamaha 321-S

## Suggested Mouthpiece Upgrades

A mouthpiece is the most important part of your instrument and can instantly improve your tone for much less than a new instrument! The list below is a **recommended starting point**—every player is different and may require a different mouthpiece, so feel free to experiment with different ones. What works best for others might not be right for you, so make sure you try them out!

### Bb Clarinet

Vandoren M15 Bb Clarinet Mouthpiece  
Vandoren M13 Lyre Bb Clarinet Mouthpiece

### Saxophone

Selmer Paris S80 Series C\* Alto Saxophone Mouthpiece  
E. Rousseau New Classic Alto Saxophone Mouthpiece

### Trumpet

Bach Standard Series Trumpet Mouthpiece in Silver 3C  
Schilke Standard Series Trumpet Mouthpiece in Silver 14A (Jazz Band)

### Trombone/Baritone

Bach AL 6 1/2

### Tuba

Conn 120 Helleberg Series Tuba Mouthpiece