

How to obtain an instrument for your future band student:

First: Know what your child will need!

DO purchase a quality name instrument that has been checked by a certified music dealer or band director.

DON'T purchase an instrument just because it is less expensive, and you think you are getting a “good deal”. It is better to buy a “used” quality brand name instrument than a brand “new” one that is not of a certain make and model. Any instrument that is going to constantly need repair will only discourage the student. **Avoid “off-brands” sold on the internet!**

RECOMMENDED BRANDS

Flute	Clarinet	Saxophone	French Horn	Trumpet	Trombone	Percussion
Armstrong	Artley	Cannonball	Blessing	Bach	Bach	CB
Artley	Bakunin	Conn	Conn	Benge	Besson	Ludwig
Emerson	Bundy	Jupiter	Eastman	Blessing	Blessing	Mapex
Gemeinhardt	Jupiter	Mauriat	Hans Hoyer	Conn	Conn	Pearl
Jupiter	LeBlanc	Selmer	Holton	Getzen	Getzen	Ross
Selmer	Noblet	Yamaha	Jupiter	Holton	Holton	Vic Firth
Yamaha	Selmer	Yanagisawa	King	Jupiter	Jupiter	Yamaha
	Yamaha	Vito	Yamaha	King	King	
	Vito			Yamaha	Yamaha	

Each instrument requires its own care kit and other parts to work completely. Whatever instrument your child plays, they WILL NEED a care kit and other items for maintenance. Please use the lists below to ensure you have everything you need. **THESE CAN BE PURCHASED OFF AMAZON OR FROM A MUSIC STORE.**

WOODWIND SUPPLIES (** = flutes exempt) All can be purchased on Amazon or at a music store.

1. mouthpiece brush**
2. cork grease**
3. reed guard** (to hold and protect extra reeds)
4. cleaning cloth
5. swab (flutes use a flute rod and soft cloth)
6. Reed** (3 good, playable reeds should always be available in your case.)

Reed type and strength:

- Bb Clarinet - Vandoren or Juno 2.5 strength
- Alto Sax - Vandoren or Juno 2.5 strength
- Tenor Sax - Vandoren 2.5 strength
- Oboe - Jones or Leshner Med. Soft or Med
- Bass Clarinet Rico Royal 2.5 strength

BRASS SUPPLIES All can be purchased on Amazon or at a music store.

1. mouthpiece brush
2. cleaning brush
3. valve oil
4. slide grease and/or slide cream
5. soft cleaning cloth

PERCUSSION needs a snare and bell kit.

Option 1: Art's Music Store or any music store available in the area. They offer payment plans that vary store to store, typically called "Rent-to-Own" programs.

- **Art's Music (Montgomery)** - Services school weekly. Lives locally in Gulf Shores and can do MANY on-site repairs so your horn doesn't have to go to the shop to be repaired. Often provides a "loaner" horn if your instrument must go to the shop.
- **Andy's Music (West Mobile)** - Sells and repairs instruments.
- **Schmidt's (Pensacola)** – Sells and repairs instruments.
- **Fairhope Music** – Sells new and used horns. Offers private lessons.
- **Blues Angel Music (Pensacola)** - Sells instruments and offers private lessons.

Option 2: Online music store. PLEASE - NOT AMAZON!

- Artsmusicshop.com
- Andysmusic.com
- Playgroundmusiccenter.com
- Schmittmusic.com
- Wwbw.com
- Bluesangelmusic.com

Option 3: Family owned instrument

Have an instrument in a closet or know someone who has one? Mr. White can check it out to see if it is playable. If it needs work, he can send it to the music repair store (this will cost money depending on the repair).

Option 4: Facebook Marketplace

Search the name of the instrument your future band student is playing and cross reference the brand of instrument with the sheet attached. **Make sure it is a brand recommended by Mr. White.** I can always check it out to make sure it is playable and can always send it for repairs if needed (this will cost money depending on the repair).

Option 5: Thrift Store and Pawn Shops:

Make sure it is a brand recommended by Mr. White. Mr. White can always send it for repairs if needed (this will cost money depending on the repair).

I know this can seem like an overwhelming process, but we have many options to find the instrument you are looking for. PLEASE reach out if you run into any issues or need additional guidance with this process. I am always happy to help and want every student to be set up for success.

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