

Franklin Middle School Band Supply List & Summer Lesson Information

EVERY BAND STUDENT NEEDS:

♪ The required textbook: **Standard of Excellence Book 1**. You have the option of purchasing the book with a CD and while this is great to practice with, it is not required.

♪ A music stand to keep at home for practicing.

EVERY INSTRUMENT NEEDS:

(Most of these items come with a music store rental)

Flute: Must have cleaning rod and soft cloth.

Oboe & Bassoon: Recommend Medium- Soft cane reeds.

Clarinet Recommend wood clarinets- higher quality and better sound. Recommend “Hite” or “Fobes Debut” mouthpiece. Must have a cleaning swab, cork grease, a box of Rico 2½ reeds, and a thumb rest. Your store rental will likely come with 2 or 3 reeds also. Please also purchase a box which will last through at least half the school year!

Saxophone (alto and tenor): Must have a cleaning swab, cork grease, and a box of Rico 2½ reeds. Recommend “Hite” or “Fobes” mouthpiece. Your store rental will likely come with 2 or 3 reeds also. Please also purchase a box which will last through at least half the school year!

Trumpet: Must have Blue Juice valve oil and slide grease. Mouthpiece: 7C.

French Horn: Must purchase own mouthpiece (Holton-Farkas MDC or MC) if using a school rental and Blue Juice valve oil.

Trombone: Must have Slide-O-Mix Rapid Comfort slide cream, and tuning slide grease. Mouthpiece: 12C.

Baritone: Must have Blue Juice valve oil, slide grease, and purchase own mouthpiece (6½ AL).

Tuba: Must have Blue Juice valve oil and purchase own mouthpiece (Bach 24AW).

Percussion: Must obtain a percussion kit that includes a bell set and a snare drum or drum pad. Must purchase: stick bag, 1 pair hard rubber mallets, 1 pair medium yarn mallets, and 1 pair SD1 snare sticks. Besides the book listed above, percussionists also need:

The Performing Percussionist by James Coffin.

OPTIONAL FOR EVERY BAND STUDENT:

SmartMusic is one-of-a-kind practice software that can be purchased and used on your home computer. A subscription can be purchased at www.smartmusic.com. Be sure to register for a student subscription for the discounted rate of \$30.00 for year.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

♪ If you will be renting from a local music store, most of the following recommendations should already be included. West Music is located in the Twixt Town shopping center and Griggs Music is on Center Point Road.

♪ If you are using a family-owned instrument please take the instrument to a music store for a “check-up” *before* your child’s first summer lesson! For woodwind instruments (flute, clarinet, saxophone, and oboe) Millar Woodwind Repair is highly recommended.

♪ Please only buy an instrument from a store that specializes in musical instruments. If you are unsure of a certain brand, please feel free to check with Mrs. Davies before purchasing—protect your investment!

SUMMER BAND LESSONS

♪ Summer lessons will run from July 16 through July 31, Monday-Friday.

♪ Students should sign up if they can attend at least half of the lessons. To sign up for summer lessons, please complete the summer lesson registration form and the lesson time request form. Lessons will be scheduled between 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM. The summer lesson schedule will be sent home via US mail and e-mail during the third week of June. I will use the e-mail address provided on the summer lesson registration form for communication.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me!

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