



NORTHPOINTE AND OAKCREST BANDS

2019-2020 Recommended Instrument Brands & Required Supplies

FLUTE**Preferred: Trevor J. James Privilege series****Alternate: Yamaha YFL 262**

All flutes should be open hole with case, tuning rod, and cleaning cloth. (Note that the Trevor James model is, in our experience, the superior model of student level flute. The Yamaha is listed as an alternate if the Trevor James model cannot be found.)

OBOE**School provides instrument (\$100 yearly usage fee)**

All oboe players must furnish a reed case, oboe swab, empty film canister or pill bottle, and at least two reeds: Bocal Majority reeds (we will provide ordering information) or the reed brand and strength recommended by your private teacher.

BASSOON**School provides instrument (\$100 yearly usage fee)**

All bassoon players must furnish a reed case, bassoon swab, empty film canister or pill bottle, and at least two reeds: Bocal Majority reeds (we will provide ordering information) or the reed brand and strength recommended by your private teacher.

CLARINET**Preferred: Buffet E-11 or Yamaha YCL-250**

Supplies must include D'Addario X5 mouthpiece, Rico 'H' inverted ligature, reed guard for 4 reeds, cork grease, cloth clarinet swab, and 1 box of Rico Reserve Classic clarinet reeds (strength 3.0 – no other brand or strength of reeds accepted).

ALTO SAXOPHONE**Preferred: Yamaha YAS-26 or YAS-23 (older model)****Alternate: Selmer AS400**

Supplies must include Vandoren AL3 mouthpiece, Rico 'H' inverted ligature, reed guard for 4 reeds, saxophone swab, cleaning cloth, cork grease, neck strap (Ray Hyman brand is recommended), and 1 box of Rico Reserve Classic alto saxophone reeds (strength 2.5 – no other brand or strength of reeds accepted).

TRUMPET**Preferred: Yamaha YTR 2310****Alternate: Bach Liberty or Bach TR300**

Supplies must include Bach 6C mouthpiece, Al Cass valve oil, Selmer tuning slide grease, cleaning cloth, cleaning snake, mouthpiece brush, valve casing brush, and BERP.

HORN**School provides instrument (\$100 yearly usage fee)**

Supplies must include Farkas MC horn mouthpiece, Hetman rotor oil #12 (with a spindle at the top, not the refill bottle), Selmer tuning slide grease, cleaning cloth, mouthpiece brush, and BERP.

TROMBONE Preferred: Yamaha YSL 354
Alternate: Bach Liberty or Bach TB300

Supplies must include Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece, Slide-O-Mix slide lubricant, Selmer tuning slide grease, cleaning cloth, cleaning snake AND cleaning rod, mouthpiece brush, water spray bottle, and BERP.

EUPHONIUM School provides instrument (\$100 yearly usage fee)

Supplies must include Bach 6 ½ AL (small shank), Al Cass valve oil, Selmer tuning slide grease, cleaning cloth, and BERP.

TUBA School provides instrument (\$100 yearly usage fee)

Supplies must include Conn Helleberg 7B Tuba mouthpiece, mouthpiece pouch, Al Cass valve oil, Selmer tuning slide grease, and BERP.

PERCUSSION *List provided to students once class is announced.*

ALL WOODWIND AND BRASS PLAYERS WILL ALSO NEED THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES:

- *Tradition of Excellence, Book 1*, band method book
- Black 1" binder with 5 dividers and a pencil bag that fits into binder rings
- 2-3 sharpened pencils, a highlighter, and a small mirror to be kept in pencil bag
- Music stand for at-home practice
- Digital tuner/metronome for at-home practice
- Band T-shirt for performances (to be purchased through band in the fall)

If renting/purchasing from a recommended vendor, most will come packaged with your instrument with the exception of the non-music items (binder, pencils, etc.).

Why are certain instrument brands recommended over others?

There are many instrument brands available that, in our experience, are not well suited to use in a public school band setting. Before renting or purchasing an instrument brand that is not on this list, consult with a band director. An instrument that is of inferior quality can create an obstacle to student progress, leading to frustration. Also, there are many different brands and sizes of mouthpieces available. The ones listed above are those that we have found to be most suitable for use by beginners.