

Equipment Needed for 6th Grade Band & Orchestra

Please see below for a list of all materials that will be needed by the first day of school in 6th grade.

By renting through Quinlan and Fabish, your child's instrument and materials will be in class ready for your child on the first day of school.

Our goal is to set students up for success from the start. Every year, we see a majority students excel because they have a properly set-up rental instrument that comes with insurance and peace of mind.

We do not recommend that an instrument be purchased (including any online retailers) as they can have multiple defects that can hinder your child's progress. Students tend to struggle with these instruments because they are poorly constructed, break often, and many are intended for decorative purposes.

If you have questions about a specific instrument, please consult the list you received at registration or contact one of the music teachers.

All Band and Orchestra students will need the following:

- ◆ An approved quality instrument in good playing condition
- ◆ Music stand for home practice
- ◆ Name tag on instrument case
- ◆ Pencil stored in instrument case
- ◆ *Highly Recommended: Metronome*
(there are free apps available for smart phones!)

Orchestra Materials:

- ◆ Orchestra Expressions, Book 1 for the appropriate instrument
- ◆ Essential Elements 2000, Book 1 for the appropriate instrument
- ◆ Violin & Viola: Kun violin shoulder rest (15" Viola: Kun viola rest)
- ◆ Cello & Bass: "Rock stop" (incl. with most rentals)
- ◆ Bow & rosin (incl. with most rentals)
- ◆ Soft cloth for cleaning instrument (incl. with some rentals)
- ◆ Instrument (see below)

Violin, Viola, Cello and Bass: The quality of your student's rental instrument is extremely important. Most rental companies in our area will provide you with a quality stringed instrument. We do not recommend purchasing an instrument for your 6th grade string player as they will likely need to change instrument sizes as they grow. Please contact your student's orchestra teacher with specific questions.

Band Materials:

All **Woodwind and Brass** students will need the following books in addition to a quality instrument:

- Tradition of Excellence Bk 1 for the appropriate instrument
- Festival Solos, Bk. 1 for the appropriate instrument
- Winning Rhythms book

Recommended instrument brands and accessories:

WOODWINDS:	BRASS:
Flute: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gemeinhardt, Yamaha, Selmer, or Armstrong brand C-Flute • Cleaning rod 	Trumpet/Cornet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamaha, Selmer, or Bach brand Bb cornet • Bach 5C mouthpiece • Valve Oil • Slide Grease
Oboe: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamaha, Selmer, or Buffet brand C-Oboe • At least 2 reeds in medium soft strength • Cleaning Swab/Cloth • Cork Grease 	French Horn: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accent, Yamaha, or Holton brand double French Horn • Holton-Farkas medium cup mouthpiece • Rotor Oil • Slide Grease
Clarinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamaha, Selmer, Leblanc, or Buffett brand Bb Clarinet • Vandoren M-13 Lyre Mouthpiece • Box of Rico Royal #3 Reeds • Cleaning Swab/Cloth • Reed guard/case for 2 or more reeds • Cork Grease 	Trombone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamaha, Selmer, or Bach brand Trombone • Bach 6½ AL Mouthpiece • Slide Grease
Saxophone: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamaha or Selmer brand Eb Alto Saxophone • Selmer C* Alto Saxophone mouthpiece • Box of Rico Royal #2.5 Reeds • Cleaning Swab/Cloth • Reed guard/case for 2 or more reeds • Cork Grease • Neck Strap 	Baritone/Euphonium: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yamaha, Selmer, or Bach brand Euphonium • Bach 6½ AL Mouthpiece • Slide Grease • Valve Oil
	Tuba: <i>Instrument rented from District 204</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helleberg 120S mouthpiece • Slide Grease • Valve Oil

All **Percussion** students will need the following books in addition to a quality instrument:

- Mark Wessels' A Fresh Approach to Mallet Percussion
- Mark Wessels' A Fresh Approach to the Snare Drum

Recommended instrument brands and accessories:

Percussion:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adams Academy Xylophone • Practice Pad or Snare Drum • Vic Firth SD1 Snare Drum Sticks • Innovative Percussion F9 Mallets or equivalent • Zildjian Stick/Mallet Bag or equivalent

We cannot stress the importance of buying a quality musical instrument. Be aware that there are sub-par "bargain brands" that exist but will not be serviced in local instrument repair shops. We find that these sub-par instruments often hinder students' ability to perform properly.