

Recommended Instrument Brands and Accessories

If you are not purchasing/renting your instrument from one of the following retailers, please reference the list below for recommended instrument brands before purchasing.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Jochim at jjochim@wclark.k12.in.us

Recommended Local Instrument Retailers:

- Conrad Music Service - Corydon, IN
- Miles Ahead Music – Louisville, KY

Recommended Instrument Brands:

- This list is meant to be a suggestion of what to look for. As with many products, there are often “generics” on the market and in the world of musical instruments, there IS a huge difference! We want your child to have the best chance to be successful! Instruments do not have to be brand new to be good, but they do need to be good quality. Very often the “generic” brands are made of cheap materials are not able to be repaired when they break. If you find an instrument that you think is good quality but is not listed here, please contact me and we can discuss! I want to help you make an educated and worthwhile investment into your child's musical education and experiences. 😊

Flute

Gemeinhardt
Armstrong
Yamaha
Selmer
Jupiter
Pearl

Flute accessories needed: cleaning rod and swab cloth

Clarinet

Yamaha
Buffet
LeBlanc
Buffet
Selmer

Clarinet accessories:

Reeds (Rico Royale or Vandoren – look at back side of students current reed for strength. Beginners use a size 2 for at last a few months
Swab cloth

Saxophones

Yamaha

Selmer

Bundy

Anthem

Bundy (these are usually older, be careful!)

Saxophone accessories:

Reeds (Rico Royale or Vandorren brands) – look at back side of current reed for strength number

Beginners use size 2.5

Swab cloth

Trumpet, Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba

Bach

Holton

Selmer

Yamaha

Holton

King

Anthem

Accessories:

valve oil

cleaning kit with snake and mouthpiece brush

Trombone

Yamaha

Bach

Conn

King

Accessories: slide oil (can be EITHER a bottle of slide oil OR the tub of “Super Slick” that is then wetted by a small spray bottle of water. Do not mix the two different types!

cleaning kit with snake and mouthpiece brush

Percussion

Needs a percussion kit that includes:

stick bag

standard drum sticks (5Bs, 1SD, etc.)

medium/hard mallets

hard mallets

snare practice pad

metronome is needed as well – this can be a stand-alone item purchased, or there are ‘ many free metronome apps if a device is available.

Vic Firth and Innovative Percussion are two top brands.

Accessories recommended for everyone

- Folding music stand
- Instrument stands can be handy
- Tuner and metronome (can be purchased or downloaded as an app!)
- Music! Don’t be afraid to find music you enjoy to learn to play!