

River Trail Band Supply List

Listed below are instrument brands recommended on the basis of quality, reliability, and service ability. **BUYER BEWARE!** Brands other than those approved by the director should be avoided, as the quality and reliability may be questionable. Generally, discount and warehouse club stores' instruments are not of good quality and can present numerous problems in various areas. In addition, most music stores refuse to repair these instruments. Also, used instruments, particularly woodwinds, may need to be taken to a shop for adjustments and repair. Please keep this in mind and plan ahead to have these instruments ready for the first day of band class with instruments.

Disclaimer Alert: The RTMS Music Staff DOES NOT ENDORSE any particular brand; the brands listed below are simply suggestions based on our experience.

What to look for when buying an instrument: 1. Does the manufacturer offer a 3 to 5 year warranty? 2. Is the store from which you purchased able to repair and supply parts? 3. How well does the instrument play and how well is it made? 4. Can parts be easily obtained?

The accessories listed are the bare necessities. Please do not omit any of them.

INSTRUMENT	RECOMMENDED BRANDS	REQUIRED ACCESSORIES
Flute	Armstrong, Artley, Bundy, Emerson, Gemeinhardt, Selmer, Yamaha	cotton handkerchief, cleaning rod
Clarinet/ Bass Clarinet	Armstrong, Artley, Buffet, Bundy, Conn, Selmer, Vito/ Leblanc, Yamaha	5 reeds at all times , cork grease, cleaning swab, ReedGard (for reed storage)
	<u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Vandoren 5RV (lyre), M13, M30 ; Hawkins 'B'; Clark Fobes 'Debut'. <u>Suggested Ligature:</u> Rovner. <u>Suggested Reeds:</u> Vandoren (2 ½, 3 or 3 ½)	
Oboe	Buffet, Covey, Fossati, Fox, Howarth, Laubin, Lorie, Marigaux, MCW, Rigoutat, Selmer, Yamaha	at least 3 reeds at all times, cleaning swab, ReedGard (for reed storage)
	<u>Suggested Reeds:</u> Oxford Reeds, Chartier, Jones, Lescher, Vandoren	
Bassoon	Bell, Fox, Heckel, Leitzinger, Mollenhauer, Moosmann, Puchner, Renard, Schreiber, Selmer, Wolf, Yamaha	at least 3 reeds at all times, cleaning swab
	<u>Suggested Reeds:</u> Chartier, Fox, Jones, Lescher, Vandoren	
Saxophone	Blessing, Bundy, Conn, Jupiter, Keilwerth, Selmer, Vito/LeBlanc, Yamaha, Yanagisawa	at least 5 reeds at all times, cork grease, cleaning swab, ReedGard (for reed storage)
	<u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Selmer S-80 C*, Rousseau Classic 4R or New Classic NC4, Vandoren Optimum AL3, A15; Clark Fobes 'Debut'. <u>Suggested Ligature:</u> Rovner ligature. <u>Suggested Reeds:</u> LaVoz Medium or Vandoren Classic 2 Rico Padded Neck Strap Alto/Soprano size	
Trumpet	Bach, Besson, Blessing, Conn, Holton, King, Yamaha <u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Bach 7C, 5C, Yamaha 11B4	Cleaning/Maintenance Kit
Horn	<u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Holton Farkas MDC	Cleaning/Maintenance Kit
Trombone Baritone	Bach, Besson, Bundy, Conn, King, Selmer, Yamaha <u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Bach 6 ½ AL	Cleaning/Maintenance Kit, "Super Slick" & water bottle, cotton handkerchief
Tuba	<u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Bach 18 or 24W	Cleaning/Maintenance Kit

<p style="text-align: center;">Percussion (Snare/Bell Kit) (Sticks/Mallets/Bag)</p>	<p>Snare/Bell Kits: Ludwig, Yamaha, Pearl Sticks/Mallets/Bag: Liberty, Vic Firth, Innovative Percussion, Mike Balter</p>	<p>For Class: stick bag with snare sticks, timpani mallets, bell/xylophone mallets, and marimba mallets, band book - (Drums and Mallets), tuner/metronome (see below) For Home: snare drum, drum stand, practice pad (full head), bell kit, wire music stand</p>
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***In addition to the above list of accessories required for each individual instrument, ALL students will need the following: Essential Elements for Band, a wire music stand for at home practice, and a metronome/tuner (optional).**