



Vivace! Bands



Recommended Brands of Instruments and Accessories (Take this sheet with you to the Music Store)

The instrument brands below are recommended on the basis of reliability, quality and serviceability. **Brands other than these should be discussed thoroughly with the director. Buyer Beware!** Generally, department store and warehouse club instruments are not of high enough quality to last and present problems with poor sound quality and tuning. Additionally, most music stores will refuse to repair these instruments because they often break during repair due to poor quality. Also, beware of instruments on EBay and other auction sites – even if they are the brands listed below. If you are thinking about making a purchase of a used instrument, it is wise to make the sale contingent upon a thorough inspection by a qualified band director in trained instrument repair specialist.

Also, family-owned instruments, particularly woodwinds, may need to be taken to a shop for repair and adjustments. Please keep this in mind and plan ahead to have family instrument ready for the first day of band class with instruments.

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

Please purchase the Standard of Excellence **Enhanced Version**. It includes accompaniment CDs

INSTRUMENT	SUGGESTED BRANDS	ACCESSORIES
Flute	Armstrong, Bundy Gemeinhardt Yamaha, Selmer	Handkerchief Wire Music Stand Cleaning Rod Standard of Excellence-Book 1/Flute
Clarinet	Bundy, Leblanc Yamaha Selmer Vito	1 box of #2 reeds Cork Grease Cleaning Swab Wire Music Stand Standard of Excellence-Book 1/Bb Clarinet
Alto Saxophone	Bundy, Blessing LeBlanc, Yamaha Selmer Vito	1 box of #2 reeds Cork Grease Cleaning Swab Wire Music Stand Standard of Excellence-Book 1/Eb Alto Saxophone
Trumpet	Bach, Blessing Bundy, Conn Olds, Yamaha Selmer	Valve Oil Slide Grease Wire Music Stand Bore Brush Standard of Excellence-Book 1/Bb Trumpet
Trombone	Bach, Blessing Bundy, Conn Olds, Yamaha Selmer	Slide Oil Tuning Slide Grease Wire Music Stand Bore Brush Standard of Excellence-Book 1/Trombone
Drum/Bell Kit	Ludwig Pearl Slingerland	2-B sticks Snare Drum/Bell kit Drum/Bell Stand Practice pad (full head) Wire Music Stand Standard of Excellence-Book 1/Drums & Mallet Percussion