

Mill Creek Academy Middle School Band Supply List

This form can be presented to the salesperson at your music store to ensure your child has all the necessary materials to participate in beginning band.

Required materials for ALL band students (regardless of instrument choice)

- Wire Music Stand (for at home practice)
- Metronome/Tuner (can also download an app on a portable tablet, phone, etc.)
- Name tag/label (please put on instrument case!)
- One Black ½" three ring binder (with plastic cover & plastic sleeves)
- 20 clear page protectors for binder

Required materials for BEGINNING BAND students (regardless of instrument choice)

- Essential Elements Book 1 (*Be sure to purchase the book that is specific for your child's instrument.)

Instrument specific materials (WOODWINDS)

Please only acquire instruments from MUSIC STORES! Please AVOID stores that sell other items (Such as car batteries, cat litter, or milk as well as "instruments"). As educators, we assure you That the quality instruments and mouthpieces will allow your child to be successful right away. Instruments that are of poor quality or in poor repair will hinder your child's success in band.

Flute

- Silk swab and cleaning kit
- Tuning rod (should come with flute)

Clarinet

- Swab and cleaning kit
- Cork grease
- Mouthpiece that is in great condition (a great upgrade is the Vandoren 5RV or B45 mouthpiece). Expensive, but great quality and easy to re-sell later
- Ligature (Rovner brand is recommended)
- 3 to 5 Vandoren brand reeds for Clarinet, size 2 ½

Alto Saxophone

- Cleaning Kit
- Neck Strap
- Cork Grease
- Mouthpiece that is in great condition (a great upgrade is the Selmer S80C star mouthpiece)
- Ligature (Rovner Brand Preferred)
- 3 to 5 Vandoren brand reeds for Alto Sax, size 2 ½

Reeds are an EXTREMELY important part of playing a woodwind instrument (minus flute). The quality of the reeds are very important, and Vandoren brand reeds are mid-level reeds made of quality bamboo and last longer than cheaper brands IF the student takes care of them. We will show the students how to care for them, but please double check them at home as well. Reeds are not cheap, but can last a long time if taken care of properly. Please invest in a reed case, they help keep the reeds safe and clean!

The mouthpiece of a clarinet and/or saxophone is critical. A bad mouthpiece can really hinder a student's progress while a quality mouthpiece can help a student tremendously. A mid-quality instrument can sound like a wonderful instrument with a good mouthpiece, as recommended above as "upgrades". These are certainly optional upgrades, but highly recommended. Shop around – try stores like woodwindbrasswind, pro-winds, and music123.

Instrument specific materials (BRASS & PERCUSSION)

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TRUMPET

- Trumpet mouthpiece (Bach or Blessing Tuba 5C or equivalent)
- Valve oil
- Valve oil Slide grease
- Slide grease Cleaning kit (for mouthpiece & instrument)
- Cleaning kit (for instrument & mouthpiece) Mouthpiece pouch

FRENCH HORN

- Horn mouthpiece (Farkas MDC, Schilke 30 or equivalent)
- Rotor Oil (not valve oil)
- Slide grease
- Cleaning kit (for instrument & mouthpiece)

BARITONE

- Baritone mouthpiece (Bach 6 ½ AL or equivalent)
- Valve oil
- Slide grease
- Cleaning kit (for instrument & mouthpiece)
- Mouthpiece pouch

TROMBONE

- Mouthpiece (Bach 6 ½ AL, Bach 5GS, or equivalent)
- Valve oil
- Slide grease
- Cleaning kit (for instrument & mouthpiece)

Tuba

- Mouthpiece
- Valve oil
- Slide Grease
- Cleaning Kit

PERCUSSION

- Acquire the “Beginning Percussion Kit” from the music store. This should come with a bell set, drum PAD, and a stand to hold both.
- 1 pair Snare Drum sticks (Vic Firth SD1 General)
- 1 pair Hard Rubber Mallets (VIC FIRTH medium size)
- 1 pair “bell” mallets (plastic or acrylic)
- 1 stick bag, please label with your name
- **please write your name on BOTH STICKS, mallets, and practice pad. (use labels if needed)