

Blevins Beginning Band

Flute Supply List

Brands and models listed are selected for their quality, features, and value. All models have been tested and approved by Ms. Harsha, local teachers and local professional musicians. Rental prices vary by retailer and range from \$18-40 per month.

Instrument Brand and Model

Recommended Model: Yamaha YFL-261 (open hole)

Comparable Model: Armstrong 1030S (open hole)

Why an open hole flute? Flutes are originally designed to be open hole. Closed hole flutes were invented for the elementary aged beginner in mind (some school districts start beginners as young as 4th grade). Open hole flutes provide better tone quality and ensure proper finger position (clarinets are open hole instruments and actually have bigger open holes, yet do not have a closed hole option!). The flutes listed above are open hole, but come with tone hole plugs for beginners to use for the first few months of playing. We will start removing one plug at a time throughout the school year.

Accessories to purchase at time of rental

- Thumbport - available at some retailers and www.thumbport.com (Optional)
- Silk Flute Swab
- Essential Elements for Band Book 1, Flute*
- Folding Wire Music Stand

Rental and Accessories Resources

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Clarinet Supply List

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Instrument Brand and Model

Recommended Model: Buffet B12

Comparable Model: Vito 7214WC

Mouthpiece Brand and Model (included as part of rental)

Vandoren M13 Lyre

Ligature Brand and Model (included as part of rental)

Rovner Dark

Why a Vandoren mouthpiece and Rovner ligature? The mouthpiece and ligature (secures the reed to the mouthpiece) are the heart and soul of a clarinet player's sound. While a quality instrument like the Buffet B12 is also a key part of a successful sound for your child, the mouthpiece and ligature are as important. Think of the instrument itself as the chassis of a car and the mouthpiece and ligature as the engine! With this mouthpiece and ligature, your child's sound/tone will be fantastic!

Accessories to purchase at time of rental

- Mouthpiece Patch (small piece of rubber that attaches to the mouthpiece to make playing more comfortable)
- Thumb Eze (helps ease the weight of the clarinet) **OR** Clarinet Neck Strap (*Optional but ENCOURAGED!*)
- 1 Box Mitchell Lurie Size 2 or 2 ½ reeds (Vandoren or Rico reeds would be fine – they just aren't as high quality)
- Silk Swab
- Mouthpiece brush
- Cork Grease
- Essential Elements for Band* Book 1, Clarinet
- Folding Wire Music Stand

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Trumpet Supply List

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Instrument Brand and Model

Recommended Model: Yamaha YTR-2330

Comparable Model: Bach TR-200

Mouthpiece Brand and Model (included as part of rental)

Bach 7C

Accessories to purchase at time of rental

- Blue Juice Valve Oil
- Selmer Slide Grease
- Mouthpiece Brush
- Valve brush
- Cleaning Snake
- Essential Elements for Band* Book 1, Trumpet
- Folding Wire Music Stand

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Horn Supply List

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School Owned Instrument or Rented (checked out the first day of the summer music program to students selected for a school horn. Horns will be for HOME and SCHOOL use.)

Recommended Model: Holton H378

Yamaha YHR-567

Mouthpiece Brand and Model

Farkas MDC

Accessories to purchase at time of rental

- Blue Juice Valve oil
- Selmer Slide Grease
- Mouthpiece Brush
- Cleaning Snake
- Essential Elements for Band* Book 1, Horn
- Folding Wire Music Stand

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Instrument Brand and Model

Recommended Model: Yamaha 448G (F attachment/trigger trombone)

Comparable Model: Bach TB200B (F attachment/trigger trombone)

Mouthpiece Brand and Model (included as part of rental)

Bach 6 ½ AL, Large Shank mouthpiece

Why an F attachment/trigger trombone? An F attachment is also called a trigger trombone. Compared to a student model “pea shooter” model, it has one piece of extra tubing, a rotor, and a trigger. The advantage of this type of trombone for middle school students is arm length. The trombone uses 7 slide positions to change notes. For most 6th and 7th graders, 6th and 7th position are very challenging for their shorter arms to reach, so students are forced to compensate by stretching their fingers, arm, shoulder and torso into an extended position (some shorter 6th and 7th graders cannot reach these positions at all!). An f attachment allows players to use the trigger in 1st position (the closest position to their body) to play 6th position and use the trigger in 2nd position for 7th position. At first it may seem strange to create this attachment for a few notes, but the 6th position note “C” is one of the first five notes students learn and is a note they use very frequently in band music! In addition, f attachment trombones feature a bigger bore/tubing size allowing students to produce a fuller warmer sound than a traditional trombone.

Accessories to purchase at time of rental

- Slide o Mix (separate bottles or combined mix bottle are acceptable)
- Holton Rotor Oil
- Selmer Slide Grease
- Mouthpiece Brush
- Cleaning Snake
- Essential Elements for Band Book 1, Trombone*
- Folding Wire Music Stand

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Baritone Supply List

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School Owned Instrument (checked out the first day of the summer music program)

Mouthpiece Brand and Model

Bach 6 ½ AL small shank (You may want to purchase your own mouthpiece, but it may not be necessary. Please see Ms. Harsha if you'd like to confirm before purchasing.)

Accessories to purchase at time of rental

- Blue Juice Valve Oil
- Selmer Slide Grease
- Mouthpiece Brush
- Valve brush
- Cleaning Snake
- Essential Elements for Band Book 1, Baritone B.C.*
- Folding Wire Music Stand

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Tuba Supply List

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School Owned Instrument (checked out the first day of the summer music program)

Mouthpiece Brand and Model

Conn 120S Helleburg mouthpiece – Purchase of a mouthpiece may be required. Please wait for information from Ms. Harsha or check with her before purchasing to be sure your student needs to purchase one – unless you'd just like to get one anyway! ☺

Accessories to purchase at time of rental

- Blue Juice Valve Oil
- Selmer Slide Grease
- Mouthpiece Brush
- Valve brush
- HW Brass Saver Cleaning Snake
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Percussion Supply List

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Practice Xylophone or Marimba Instrument Brand and Model

Recommended Model: Marimba Warehouse

Comparable Model: Adams 3.0 Practice Marimba

OR Practice Bell Kit w/ Practice Pad

Recommended Model: Rosewood Bell Kit

Comparable Model: Metal Bell Kit

Practice Pad and Stand Brand and Model

Off World V3 Invader Practice Pad

Off World IMS2 Pad Stand

OR What comes with above Bell Kit

Snare Drum Sticks

Vic Firth SD1 snare drum sticks

Mallets

Balter Basics Model BB8 (Blue)

Why a practice xylophone/marimba or rosewood bell kit? Students at other schools in the district switched to these a few years ago to inspire percussionists to learn mallets on a quality instrument. They used to use bell kits and the students despised them! Bell kits are challenging to play due to their smaller keys and hard mallets, however if you do choose the rosewood bells kits, students will learn to play with a much more musical sound and the name of each bar will NOT be visible (this is really a good thing!). In the beginning of playing percussion it is important for kids to play with a big solid sound and metal bell kits cannot be played this way. Practice xylophone/marimbas have larger keys and sound great. This allows kids to play a full stroke and inspires them to play mallets more. Rosewood bell kits have a much better sound! Since switching to these instruments we have seen percussionists' confidence and achievement increase substantially and equally important, they enjoy practicing mallets!

Accessories to purchase at time of rental

- Essential Elements for Band Book 1, Percussion*
- Folding Wire Music Stand*

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