

Instrument Supply List

Please make certain that your child has the supplies listed below for his/her instrument by the first day of class.

BAND BOOK: All band students will need to purchase the “Standard of Excellence” (Enhanced) - Book 1 according to each student’s instrument choice. This book comes with a CD/DVD. Approximate cost: \$10.00 each, and it is available at most music stores.



MUSIC STAND: Collapsible and portable music stand for use at home.
(approximately: \$15-\$20).

FLUTE

Cleaning Kit
5-6 graders only

CLARINET

10 Reeds - size #2
Cleaning Kit

ALTO SAXOPHONE

10 Reeds - size #2
Cleaning Kit
2nd/3rd year students only

TRUMPET

Cleaning Kit
Valve Oil

TROMBONE

Cleaning Kit
Slide Grease/Oil
5-6 graders

You can rent or purchase instruments from local music stores. We encourage you to shop around. There are a lot of music stores in the area, take advantage of it.

Local Music Store List - <http://milpitas.schoollloop.com/MusicStores>

- Instrument rental fees are approximately \$25-\$75 per month.

Some things to keep in mind as you buy an instrument:

- Student-line instruments are fine for first and second year players. Despite what some might tell you, students do not need a professional or intermediate model instrument in elementary school.
- Make sure all moving parts work!
- Ask about the payment plan(s).
- Ask about repair services. Do they repair the instruments in the store? Do they include the cost of the repair work in the rental plan, or is it extra?
- Ask a lot of questions, if you don't get good answers... go somewhere else.
- Ask someone to play the instrument before you take it out of the store so you know it works.
- Avoid purchasing used and/or generic brand instruments. Providing your child with an instrument that does not work properly or is below standard can make learning an instrument very disappointing and frustrating. Beginners have their hands full learning a variety of new things. Your child certainly does not need the added problem of trying to learn on a poor instrument.