

**Required Instruments for Beginning Band-** Please make sure you order the instrument & supplies from a **LEGIT MUSIC STORE THAT SERVICES SCHOOL BANDS**. They understand the 'band world' and what is need to help your student be successful. They provide a Representative that comes to the schools to assist your needs AND also have a repair department if needed. If you are planning to get an instrument from ANOTHER PLACE, then please contact the Band Director to get approval for use in the Oakleaf Band Program. If your family owns an instrument, please allow the Band Director to look at it to see if it needs any repairs, and to make sure it will blend with the other instruments. *BE VERY CAREFUL AND DO NOT PURCHASE BAND INSTRUMENTS AT CERTAIN STORES THAT ARE NOT MUSIC STORES--- THOSE INSTRUMENTS ARE CLOSER TO BEING A TOY AND NOT A LEGIT BAND INSTRUMENT.*

→ **Good tip: Don't buy a band instrument where you buy groceries or clothing** ☺ ←

**\*LIST OF LEGIT REPUTABLE MUSIC STORES THAT SERVICE SCHOOL BANDS:**

START HERE: → **\*Playground Music-** 850-320-6463 / get everything online: [www.playgroundmusiccenter.com](http://www.playgroundmusiccenter.com)

\***Music & Arts Centers-** located over the bridge off of San Jose- 904-292-9705. In 2022, they had difficulty providing instruments on time. Start with Playground Music listed above.

→ As of 2021, Sam Ash & Guitar Center do not have a school rental program. Start your search with the 2 stores listed above.

\*Be very careful with Amazon, Ebay, Facebook Marketplace- (email me links so I can look at it). There is a reason those instruments are listed with a cheap price.

**Remember: Contact Mr. Summers if you are shopping at other places than the 2 LEGIT stores listed above. The Band Director can help you find the correct & approved brand of instrument. JUST ASK! ☺ [michael.summers@myoneclay.net](mailto:michael.summers@myoneclay.net)**

**→ → → \*Info for ALL instruments\* ← ← ←**

1. Don't buy music book from stores! Students will receive a music book designed by Mr. Summers.
2. Get a Wire Music Stand! There is a video on the band google class about this item.
3. Students will need to practice their instrument at home every day.
4. The Band Google Class is going to be very helpful this first year in band.
5. Pencils are used every day in band.
6. The band 'fair share' fee is NOT connected to the rental payment you pay to the music stores.

***\*Acceptable instrument brands\*:***

***#1 option: YAMAHA or JUPITER... for any instrument!***

***Other options: PEARL or LUDWIG (percussion), EASTMAN (flute), SELMER (clarinet / saxophone), BACH (trumpet / trombone)***

**\*\*\*Flute\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Clarinet or Bass Clarinet or Alto Sax or Tenor Sax\*\*\***

\*Reeds: Buy 2 boxes of Vandoren size 2.  
→ **ONLY GET VANDOREN REEDS** (blue box) !!!  
Purchase the full box of reeds. I will teach them how to take care of the reeds - but they need several reeds in order for my method to work. The student must take care of the reeds and not break or damage them. They will naturally wear out over time!  
**In January- switch to size 3!!!**

**LOOK! If the saxophone or bass clarinet is too 'pricy', then get a clarinet, and all the clarinet supplies, instead.**

**\*\*\*Trumpet\*\*\***

\*Mouthpiece: 3C- This 3C mouthpiece DOES NOT come with the instrument- you need to buy it.

**\*\*\*Trombone\*\*\***

\*Mouthpiece: 7C (standard backbore to fit student trombone). This 7C mouthpiece DOES NOT come with the instrument- you need to buy it.

**\*\*\*French Horn\*\*\***

\*I will loan this instrument to the student for a yearly rent- **a one time fee of \$100 is required.**

**\*\*\*Percussion\*\*\***

**\*NOTE: To be selected for the Percussion spots- a student must have had piano lessons for a few years or have taken percussion lessons from a Pro.**  
\* You need the Bell Kit & Practice Pad Kit from the music stores.  
\*Vic Firth Combo Pack, Model EP2A. -includes stick bag, SD1, M3, M6, T3.  
→ Student will keep the rental instrument at home and use the percussion at school.

**\*\*\*Oboe\*\*\*** → Student will need to take private lessons from a professional. \*Reeds: Jones medium soft. Buy at least 5.

**\*\*\*Bari Sax\*\*\***

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→ Note: I will loan the student a bari sax to keep at home for the entire school year with a yearly rent- **a one time fee of \$100 is required.** They will use one of the school bari sax in class.

**\*\*Euphonium/Baritone\*\***

I will loan the student a baritone to keep at home for the entire school year with a yearly rent- **a one time fee of \$100 is required.** They will use one of the school baritones in class.

**\*\*\*Tuba\*\*\***

\*Mouthpiece: Conn Helleberg 120S  
You need to buy the mouthpiece.  
→ Note: I will loan the student a tuba to keep at home for the entire school year with a yearly rent- **a one time fee of \$100 is required.** They will use one of the school tubas in class.

**\*Tuba is the MOST important instrument in the band! Will you be chosen? ☺**