

River Trail Band Supply List

Listed below are instrument brands recommended on the basis of quality, reliability, and service ability. **BUYER BEWARE!** Brands other than those approved by the director should be avoided, as the quality and reliability may be questionable. Generally, discount and warehouse club stores' instruments are not of good quality and can present numerous problems in various areas. In addition, most music stores refuse to repair these instruments. Also, used 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 these instruments ready for the first day of band class with instruments.

Disclaimer Alert: The RTMS Music Staff **DOES NOT ENDORSE** any particular brand; the brands listed below are simply suggestions based on our experience.

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

INSTRUMENT	RECOMMENDED BRANDS	REQUIRED ACCESSORIES
Flute	Armstrong, Artley, Emerson, Gemeinhardt, Selmer, Yamaha,	cotton handkerchief, cleaning rod
Clarinet	Armstrong, Artley, Buffet, Conn, Selmer, Vito/ Leblanc, Yamaha <u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Vandoren 5RV (lyre), B45, M13; Hawkins 'B'; Clark Fobes 'Debut'. <u>Suggested Ligature:</u> Rovner. <u>Suggested Reeds:</u> Mitchell Lurie or Vandoren (2 ½, 3 or 3 ½)	5 reeds at all times , cork grease, cleaning swab, ReedGard (for reed storage)
Alto Saxophone	Blessing, Bundy, Conn, Jupiter, Keilwerth, Selmer, Vito/LeBlanc, Yamaha, Yanagisawa <u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Selmer S-80 C*, Rousseau Classic R4 or New Classic NC4, Vandoren V5 A15; Clark Fobes 'Debut'. <u>Suggested Ligature:</u> Rovner ligature. <u>Suggested Reeds:</u> LaVoz (2 ½) or Vandoren (2 ½ or 3)	at least 5 reeds, cork grease, cleaning swab, ReedGard (reed storage),
Trumpet	Bach, Besson, Blessing, Conn, Holton, King, Yamaha <u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Bach 5C or 3C	Cleaning/Maintenance Kit, Straight Mute-Tom Crown.
Horn	<u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Holton Farkas MDC	Cleaning/Maintenance Kit
Trombone Baritone	Bach, Besson,, Conn, King, Selmer, Yamaha <u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Bach 6 ½ AL	Cleaning/Maintenance Kit, "Super Slick" & water bottle, cotton handkerchief
Tuba	<u>Suggested Mouthpiece:</u> Bach 18 or 24W	Cleaning/Maintenance Kit
Percussion (Snare/Bell Kit) (Sticks/Mallets/Bag)	Snare/Bell Kits: Ludwig, Yamaha, Pearl Sticks/Mallets/Bag: Liberty, Vic Firth, Innovative Percussion, Mike Balter	For Class: stick bag with snare sticks, timpani mallets, bell/xylophone mallets, and marimba mallets, band book - (Drums and Mallets), tuner/metronome (see below) For Home: snare drum, drum stand, practice pad (full head), bell kit, wire music stand

***In addition to the above list of accessories required for each individual instrument, ALL students will be needing the following: Standard of Excellence Book 1, Enhanced Version (red cover) and Standard of Excellence Book 2, Enhanced Version (blue cover), a wire music stand for at home practice, a metronome, tuner, and mechanical pencil.**

Tuner/Metronome Information: All students will need a small portable tuner/metronome. The cost of this item is approximately thirty dollars (\$30.00) and it is worth every cent. We have found three types around this price range: the Boss TU 80, the Korg TM-40, and the Sabine MT9000.