



Clarinet Supplies List for Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble

Recommended Brands: Wood, not plastic - usually \$40 per month. Any instrument not on this list is not recommended by the band program, and may not be supported by the repair shop.

- Buffet E-11 or E-12
- Yamaha YCL-450

Required Accessories (from music store):

1. Band Polo Shirt - this will be purchased at Band Registration in August (costs \$20), worn tucked into black dress pants with black closed-toed dress shoes and gentlemen wear a belt
2. *Step-Up Mouthpiece (with ligature): M-13 Lyre series 13, profile 88 or D'Addario Reserve Model XO/1.00 MM Tip

**Special note: It is common practice that beginner clarinetists move up to a "step-up" intermediate mouthpiece their second year or 7th grade year of playing in order for their harder reed strength to be compatible with the mouthpiece. Your child pre-tested both mouthpieces during the last 2 weeks of school and played the best on the mouthpiece brand highlighted above.*

3. Care Kit that includes: Silk Swab, Duster Brush, Polishing Cloth, Cork Grease, and Mouthpiece Brush (usually \$25)
4. Four Vandoren Reeds - strength 2½. Reeds will be a continuously purchased item, and students must communicate with parents or directors when reeds are needed. Four or more reeds must always be available.
5. Double Reed Guard to protect and store 4 reeds
6. Band Book (usually \$10): **Foundations for Superior Performance (Clarinet)** by Richard Williams and Jeff King (blue book)
7. Flip Folder and Lyre
8. Portable folding music stand for home practice (usually \$20)
9. Optional: Clarinet Neck Strap for smaller hands

Required Accessories (from any source):

10. One inch 3-ring binder with student's name on the outside
11. Five notebook dividers and Two highlighters (any color)
12. One dozen (12) **mechanical** pencils that go into...
13. Pencil bag or holder that goes into the 3-ring binder

Local Stores: This is the best option if you are unsure about what you are buying. They will know exactly what instrument brand and model you will need, and will have different rental options that other online companies may not. They will also be able to do different repair/warranty deals. There are local music instrument dealers that can make new or used instruments available to you. Their rental plans are designed to give your child the opportunity to begin an instrument with only a minimal investment. Dealers may have differences in their lease/purchase plans. Shop carefully for the plan that best suits your needs.

Pawn Shops or Online Auction (Craig's List/eBay) Sites: This option has the highest risk. Do not buy anything sight unseen without a money back guarantee! Ask the seller if you can have a "third party evaluation" done. This is where the seller takes the instrument to a reputable music shop (one you pick) and has it inspected for quality, much like buying a used car. You then communicate directly with the shop rather than the sellers. This could be a lot of extra work, but you might be able to get a great deal. You can purchase or obtain an instrument from other sources.

Remember, it's the instrument's brand, condition, and mouthpiece that is the most important, not always the age of the instrument.

Please feel free to contact us at the information above to ask any questions on any instrument outside of a music dealer.