

Suggested Instrument List

The following is a list of brands and model numbers that we recommend for our students. There are some other acceptable choices, but only a few. Certain instruments can keep your child from reaching their full potential, and in some cases hold them back considerably. We ask that you contact us before buying another type of instrument. McKay Music Company will be including the required beginner mouthpiece with most of the instruments. However, in the case that you purchase an instrument elsewhere, the required mouthpiece is listed next to the instrument.

All students must have Essential Elements Book 1 (hard copy or iBook) for their instrument. Students will also need access to a tuner and metronome. There are a number of tuner/metronome apps available for iOS and Android. Stand-alone tuner/metronomes can be purchased at a local music store or online.

Flute

- Yamaha YFL-261
- Armstrong 303
- Yamaha YFL-221

Clarinet

- Buffet E11
- Yamaha YCL-250
- Yamaha YCL-450
- Jupiter CEC730

Vandoren 5rv or Hite Premiere mouthpiece required

Vandoren 3 reeds are required

We will give them their first two reeds, but they will break quickly.

Saxophone

- Yamaha YAS-23A
- Yamaha YAS-475

Selmer C* or Hite Premiere mouthpiece required

Vandoren 3 reeds are required

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Trumpet (no cornets)

- Yamaha YTR-2335
- Yamaha YTR-4335G or YTR-4335GS
- Bach TR200 or TR200s

Bach 5C mouthpiece is required

Trombone

- Yamaha YSL-882 Series
- Yamaha YSL-446G
- Bach TB200

Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece is required

French Horn

Holton MC mouthpiece is required

Valve oil and slide grease required

Baritone

Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece is required

Valve oil and slide grease required

Tuba

Bach 24 AW or Helleberg mouthpiece is required

Valve oil and slide grease required

Percussion

- Pearl starter kit Model PK-900C
- Vic Firth Stick Pack EP2