



# GCES Band Supply List

(bring this list to the store with you)

**All supplies required by Monday, September 18, 2023**

## ***Required Supplies for All Instruments:***

- Two pencils (bring to every lesson)
- Music stand for practice at home (do not bring to school)
- Name tag on the case (student name, address, and phone number on the tag)
- Metronome/tuner (can purchase from the store or download app such as Tonal Energy)
- Band folder (will be distributed free to students during first lesson)

## ***Required Music Book:***

- 4th & 5th grade band students – *Measures of Success Book 1* for your instrument (**Blue** border around the top of the book - label with student name)
  - Make sure to get the correct book! For example, flute players should get the “flute book”
  - Euphonium players should get the “Baritone B.C.” book
  - Percussionists should get the “Percussion/Keyboard Percussion” book

## ***Instruments and Other Required Accessories:***

*In addition to the instrument and method book, we recommend the “Starter Pack” (at most music stores) which includes all the required accessories listed below but packaged together for additional savings.*

### **WOODWINDS**

**Flute** – *Suggested Brands:* Yamaha (preferred), Armstrong, Gemeinhardt, Jupiter

*Required Accessories:* Cleaning rod, soft polishing cloth

*Optional:* thumb rest, finger saddle



**Oboe** – *Suggested Brands:* Yamaha (preferred)

*Required Accessories:* 3 reeds (*store:* Fox brand, medium strength, *online:* alakotareeds.com, student reed, medium strength), cleaning swab, cork grease

*Optional:* thumb rest



**B-flat Clarinet** – *Suggested Brands:* Yamaha (preferred), Selmer, Jupiter, Buffet, Vito

*Required Accessories:* 1 box of Vandoren 2-strength reeds, cleaning swab, cork grease, mouthpiece patch, mouthpiece brush

*Optional:* thumb rest



**Alto Saxophone** – *Suggested Brands:* Yamaha (preferred), Jupiter, Selmer, Armstrong,

*Required Accessories:* 1 box Vandoren 2-strength reeds, cleaning swab, cork grease, neck strap, mouthpiece patch, mouthpiece brush



## **BRASS**

**Trumpet** – *Suggested Brands:* Yamaha (preferred), Selmer, Bach, Schilke

*Required Accessories:* piston valve oil, mouthpiece brush, tuning slide grease, soft cloth



**French Horn** – (Horn in F, not Bb) *Suggested Brands:* Yamaha, Selmer, Bach

*Required Accessories:* rotary valve oil, mouthpiece brush, tuning slide grease, soft cloth



**Trombone** – *Suggested Brands:* Bach, Conn, King, Yamaha

*Required Accessories:* Yamaha trombone slide oil, small spray bottle, mouthpiece brush, soft cloth



**Euphonium/Tuba** – *Suggested Brands:* Bach, Yamaha (GCES may be able to provide)

*Required Accessories:* piston valve oil, mouthpiece brush, tuning slide grease, soft cloth



**Percussion** – *Suggested Brands:* Pearl, Tama, Ludwig, Yamaha. Make sure you get a bell kit with a practice pad, not a snare drum. **\*\*Double check that letter names are NOT written on the bell keys.**

*Required Accessories:* Vic Firth SD1 drumsticks & Innovative Percussion F9 fundamental bell mallets.



# Instrument Rental, Purchasing, & Repair Info

*Students are required to have their instruments and all supplies by Monday, September 18.  
Please contact Dr. Burbank if you have any difficulty getting an instrument.*

Finding the right instrument for your student is extremely important. I strongly urge you to rent or purchase instruments from the stores listed below. Most music stores now do an online rental from their websites with free delivery to your home or offer curbside pickup in the case you do not want to go to a music store.

## **IMPORTANT!**

Please DO NOT purchase instruments from eBay, Amazon, Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, or any other website without consulting Dr. Burbank. *I highly caution the purchase of an instrument from a furniture store, discount warehouse, or from any store that sells food.*

A cheap instrument will be more expensive to maintain and/or repair in the long run and is typically of poor quality. If a deal is “too good to be true”, it probably is.

**DO NOT purchase brands Mendini, Kaizar, Eastar, Cecilio, and Glory – they will break.**

### **Baltimore Brass Company**

99 Mellor Avenue  
Catonsville, MD 21228  
410/744-1723  
*\*brass and woodwind repairs on site*

### **Mike's Music**

4872 Montgomery Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21043  
410/465-0700

### **Bill's Music**

743 Frederick Road  
Baltimore, MD 21228  
410/788-8900

### **The Band Shoppe**

7448 Springfield Ave  
Sykesville, MD 21784  
410/617-0584  
*\*Instruments & accessories*

6411 Frederick Rd  
Catonsville, 21228  
*\*Repair only*

### **Music & Arts**

Cherrytree Center  
11200 Scaggsville Road, Unit 111  
Laurel, MD 20723  
*\*closest to GCES*

### **Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center**

11151 Veirs Mill Road  
Wheaton, MD 20902  
301/946-8808  
*\*cheapest rental for the school year*

### **Chatham Station**

9210 Baltimore National Pike  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
410/461-1844

### **Steve Weiss Music**

steveweissmusic.com  
*\*GREAT for percussion supplies. They ship fast and carry a better selection of percussion supplies than other stores at great prices.*

**\*Please let me know if you have ANY questions about supplies or have difficulty getting an instrument. I have a limited number of school instruments for families to use – please ask me! I want every student to be able to participate, so please don't hesitate to reach out.**

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