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
 - o 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



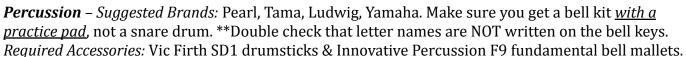
BRASS

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





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, Craigstlist, 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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