

Materials List

1. Wire music stand (for use during home practice and field trips.)
2. Metronome- there are some inexpensive electronic models available.
3. Instrument in good playing condition.
4. Method books- see below.
5. Wireless Ruled Perforated 1-Subject Notebook. (No spiral or composition notebooks.)
6. Folder (student supplied) for keeping method books and notebook.
7. Music folder (school supplied) containing sheet music and handouts.
8. Pencils. (No pens. Not even erasable pen. Yes, really...)
9. Instrument accessories and cleaning supplies. Which accessories depends on the instrument you play- see below.

Method Books

Elementary & Beginning Bands

Standard of Excellence, book 1 (red cover)

Intermediate Band

Standard of Excellence, books 1 and 2 (blue cover)

Concert & Honor Bands

Hal Leonard Advanced Method

Foundations for Superior Performance

Instrument Accessories

Flute

1. Cleaning rod
2. swab (purchased from a store or homemade out of 3×10 inch strip of old tee-shirt)
3. Cleaning cloth
4. Optional: pad saver

Oboe & Bassoon

1. Two cane reeds (it is recommended that your private teacher help select reeds for you. If you are not taking lessons, please see me for a list of recommended sources. If you're purchasing from a store, get medium-soft cane reeds.
2. a small container of water (a film canister with snug lid work great)
3. Reed case

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oboe & bassoon, continued...

4. cleaning swabs
5. Cleaning cloth
6. Seat strap

Clarinet & Saxophone

1. Reeds- see below
2. Cleaning swab*
3. Cleaning cloth
4. Cork grease*
5. Pad savers (optional)

**A cleaning kit (purchased at music stores) will contain these items.*

Brass Instruments (trumpet, trombone, tuba, etc.)

1. Valve oil (horns use rotor oil, trombones use slide oil, or better yet, slide cream and a very small spray-bottle of water. Palm sized spritzer bottles can be purchased at local drug stores.)
2. Cleaning brushes and snake
3. Slide grease
4. Cleaning (polishing) cloth

A brass instrument cleaning kit will usually contain all that stuff.

Percussion

1. Bell kit and snare drum (or practice pad) for home practice and use at school.
2. Drum sticks, two pair (Vic Firth SD1 General are recommended)
3. Stick bag
4. Drum key

All sticks, mallets, stick bags, and percussion equipment should be marked with students' names.

Clarinet/Saxophone Reeds

Elementary & Beginning band: Strength 2 Rico reeds.

Intermediate Band: Strength 2.5 Rico or Rico Royal reeds.

Concert & Honor Band: Strength 3 Van Doren, Rico Royal, or strength 4 Mitchell Laurie reeds.

Students should have 3 reeds with them at all times. I recommend buying them by the box.