

APS Elementary Band Supply List

Instrument rentals and supplies can be obtained from [Local Music Vendors](#) including Leonard's Music, University Music, and Tewksbury Music Center.

The district also has instruments available for families qualifying for financial assistance.

Be careful to choose a quality, well-crafted, durable instrument. A faulty or broken instrument can have a devastating effect on the start of an otherwise successful and lifelong relationship with music.

Be wary of instruments listed through retailers like Walmart or Amazon. Although seemingly more affordable, these instruments tend to be much less durable and reliable than those from specialized music stores or trusted brands. You may end up spending more money in repair costs over time.

Please let us know if you need assistance choosing an instrument or [brand recommendations](#).

In addition to an instrument, all students in elementary band will need:

- **Essential Elements For Band, Book 1** for your specific instrument
- **Maintenance kits** or individual maintenance/cleaning supplies for individual instruments
- **Pencil** for lessons each week
- **Music Stand** is also highly recommended for practicing at home

Please refer to the instrument-specific supply lists below:

Flute:

- [Essential Elements Book 1 for Flute](#)
- Cleaning rod and cloth to swab instrument ([Maintenance Kit](#))

Clarinet:

- [Essential Elements Book 1 for Clarinet](#)
- Clarinet Reeds (Rico or Rico Royal Brand Recommended)
 - Students will need multiple reeds throughout the school year and should rotate the reeds that they use regularly. Always have at least 3 reeds on hand.
 - **Optional way to purchase reeds through school:** [APS Reed Club](#)
 - Reeds for Beginners: [Reed Strength 2](#)
 - Reeds for Advancing Beginners/Year 2 Students: [Reed Strength 2.5](#)
- Swab, Cork Grease ([Maintenance Kit](#))

Alto Saxophone:

- [Essential Elements Book 1 for Alto Saxophone](#)
- Swab, Cork Grease ([Maintenance Kit](#))
- [Neck Strap](#)
 - Please note that most saxophone rentals will come with neck straps included, but some neck straps are more reliable than others. If possible, I recommend purchasing the Neotech brand neck strap (linked above).

- Alto Saxophone Reeds (Rico or Rico Royal Brand Recommended)
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Trumpet:

- [Essential Elements Book 1 for Trumpet](#)
- Valve Oil, Slide Grease, Cloth ([Maintenance Kit](#))

Trombone:

- [Essential Elements Book 1 for Trombone](#)
- Slide grease, slide lubricant ([Maintenance Kit](#))

Percussion (Snare Drum and Mallets)

- [Essential Elements Book 1 for Percussion \(Includes Keyboard Percussion\)](#)
- Percussion kit should include: [Percussion Kits for Band](#)
 - Please note that percussion kits need to be transported to and from school each week on your child's lesson day. These kits are quite heavy and although they are on wheels for ease of transportation, they can still be difficult to travel with on the bus.