

Preferred Instrument Brands, in order of preference

Flute:

1. Yamaha Intermediate
2. Yamaha, Selmer, Jupiter, Armstrong, standard headjoint only (I consider all of these brands to be about the same quality level)

Oboe (7th Grade and up only)

1. Yamaha
2. Selmer
3. Jupiter

Clarinet

1. Buffet Intermediate*
2. Buffet Beginner*
3. Yamaha, Jupiter (I consider these two instruments to be about the same quality level)

Bass Clarinet (7th Grade and up only)

1. Yamaha*
2. Jupiter

Alto Saxophone

1. Yamaha Intermediate*
2. Selmer Intermediate, Lacquer* or Black Nickel*
3. Yamaha Beginner*
4. Selmer Beginner*
5. Buffet Beginner
6. Eastman Beginner

Tenor Saxophone (7th Grade and up only)

1. Yamaha Intermediate*
2. Yamaha Beginner*
3. Selmer Beginner*
4. Jupiter Beginner

Trumpet

1. Yamaha Intermediate
2. Bach Intermediate
3. Blessing Intermediate
4. Yamaha Beginner
5. Shires Beginner

French Horn (7th Grade and up only)

1. Geyer Wrap
2. Kruspe Wrap

Trombone

1. Yamaha Intermediate*
2. Shires Beginner
3. Bach Beginner
4. Yamaha Beginner

Euphonium (7th Grade and up only)

1. Yamaha Intermediate only***

Other Notes:

- Make sure to get the *Habits of a Successful Beginner Band Musician* book (6th Grade only): it is the required class textbook.
- I highly recommend the instrument protection plan: instruments break relatively easily, and can be expensive!
- The starter pack is optional, but recommended: it comes with many useful items that students will learn how to use in the band class.

*Strong Recommendation

***This is the only instrument I would recommend out of the rental options