

GRISHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND

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Mason England, Pablo Estrada & Mikey Sheeran | Band Directors

Congratulations on choosing to be a part of the award-winning Grisham Middle School Band!!! We are thrilled to have you in our program, and we can't wait to make magical memories with you throughout the next 3 years! After our selection process, you have been chosen to play...

CLARINET

Now that you have chosen the instrument that suits YOU, it's time to head to the music store and order your instrument and supplies that are needed for band class. Before you do, please read through the following list and **bring this with you to the music store!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please ask us before you invest your money in an instrument. We know that times can be hard for some families right now. If you need any help at all, please let us know. We can be reached at 512-428-2670 or mason_england@roundrockisd.org

Approved Clarinet Brands/Models (wood only!)

- Buffet E-11
- Yamaha YCL 450N

Mouthpiece

- D'Addario Reserve X0

Director approval needed for ANY instrument brand/model substitution!

Required Clarinet Accessories – purchased at a MUSIC STORE

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| • Bonade Standard Ligature with cap | • Essential Elements: Clarinet Book 1 |
| • Black Mouthpiece Cushions (1 pack) | • Essential Elements: Clarinet Book 2 |
| • Box of D'Addario Reserve Classic Bb Clarinet Reeds, Strength 3 | • Foundations for Superior Performance: Clarinet |
| • Protec Clarinet Swab 3 in 1 | • Korg TM-70 Tuner and Metronome |
| • Cork Grease | • Korg CM-400 Contact Microphone ("pick-up") |
| • D'Addario Woodwinds Multi-Instrument Reed Storage (holds 8 reeds) | • Folding Music Stand (for home practice) |

Required Band Supplies – not purchased at a music store (Target, Walmart, etc.)

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| • 1-inch, 3-ring, Black Binder with pockets for BAND ONLY | • 3 Highlighters (different colors) |
| • 5 Tab Dividers | • Set of 25 Page Protectors (plastic sleeves) |
| • Pencil Pouch for Binder (with 3 holes) | • Small mirror (5"x7" is best) |
| • 3 Pencils | |

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR BAND INSTRUMENT PLACEMENT for 2025-2026!!!

WHY DO WE REQUIRE CERTAIN INSTRUMENT BRANDS/SUPPLIES?

The recommendations for specific brand names you will receive with your student's instrument placement have been chosen through years of evaluation and teaching experience, so we ask that you stick with our list to assure that you get a quality instrument. Recommendations have been made on the basis of playing quality, overall workmanship, durability, tone quality, and pitch accuracy. The Required Instrument Accessories and Band Supplies that you will receive are also critical to success and good tone production. If you already have an instrument, please contact us so we can check it to be sure it is in good playing condition. To avoid bad habits and damage to the instrument, **please do not assemble or attempt to play the instrument before receiving instruction from us.**

WHY DO WE RECOMMEND CERTAIN MUSIC STORES?

We request that you rent or buy an instrument from a music store. This assures you are getting a quality instrument and good service afterwards. We have included contact information for the best music stores in the area. You may decide to rent an instrument until you are comfortable that your child is invested in our band program. Please reserve an instrument with a music store as soon as possible and have it delivered to Grisham (or picked up at the start of the school year), because the best instruments get reserved early. All stores below will deliver to Grisham during summer!

Music & Arts

musicarts.com
11066 Pecan Park Blvd, Suite B201
Cedar Park, TX 78613
(512) 506-8824

Strait Music

Straitmusic.com
13945 Highway 183 North
Austin, TX 78717
(512) 918-3743

The Band Connection

band-connection.com
1210 W. McDermott, Suite 105
Allen, TX 75013
(214) 383-4885

Tarpley Music

<https://tarpleymusic.com>
*online only--will be delivered to GMS

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“EVERYTHING DAY” IN AUGUST

We are planning to have a meeting in August to go over everything related to Band. **We will have what we like to call “Everything Day” on Sunday, August 10th!** This is the best opportunity to get everything organized for band class - and then your student doesn't need to bring a lot to school on the first day! Here is what we do on Everything Day:

- Check all band supplies and instruments
- Fill out ALL forms for the year (including for travel! :))
- Private Lesson Sign Up

All details about this day will be communicated through email as we get closer. If you would like to receive our emails over the summer and you are not already, please email Mr. England at mason_england@roundrockisd.org

If, for any reason, you are unable to purchase an instrument and supplies for your student before August 11th, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. We never want financial concerns to get in the way of a student experiencing the magic of band!

Your student needs to have their instrument and supplies by Everything Day on August 10th, 2025. We are looking forward to a very exciting year of teaching your child the joys of playing a musical instrument! If you have any questions or concerns, please email us!

Musically yours,

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