

# LEANDER TIGER BAND

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## WELCOME TO BAND!!

### WHY DO WE REQUIRE CERTAIN INSTRUMENT BRANDS/SUPPLIES?

The approved brands/models for your student's instrument have been chosen through years of evaluation and teaching experience, based on playing quality, overall workmanship, durability, tone quality, and pitch accuracy. The Required Instrument Accessories and Band Supplies are also critical to success and good tone production. If you already have an instrument from the brand list, please contact us so we can make 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?

Please rent or buy an instrument from a music store. This assures you are getting a quality instrument and good service afterwards. You may decide to rent an instrument until you are comfortable that your child is invested in our band program. All stores below will deliver to LMS during summer! Do not buy anything from Amazon, eBay, etc.

#### **Strait Music**

[straitmusic.com](http://straitmusic.com)

(512) 918-3743

#### **The Band Connection**

[band-connection.com](http://band-connection.com)

(214) 383-4885

### INCOMING 6TH GRADE PARENT MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 20TH

We will be having a meeting for all students and families who will be in Band in 6th grade on Tuesday, May 20th at 6:30pm at Leander Middle School! A Strait Music representative will be at LMS, ready to take your instrument and supply orders. If you register at this meeting, Strait Music will deliver EVERYTHING your student needs for band to LMS during the summer!

### “EVERYTHING DAY” - SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH

All Beginning Band students and families will meet in August to go over everything related to Band. **Everything Day will be Saturday, August 9th!** 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! You will:

- Find your band locker
- Check all band supplies and instruments
- Fill out ALL forms for the year (including for travel! :))

All details about this day will be communicated through email as we get closer. If you or another parent/guardian have not been receiving our band emails, please email Ms. Love at [Liz.Love@leanderisd.org](mailto:Liz.Love@leanderisd.org) and she will add you to our list. If, for any reason, you are unable to purchase an instrument and supplies for your student, *please don't hesitate to reach out to us.* We never want financial concerns to prevent a student experiencing the magic of band!

Your student needs to have their instrument and supplies by Everything Day on August 9, 2025. We are looking forward to a very exciting year of teaching your child the joys of playing a musical instrument!

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Congratulations on choosing to be a part of the award-winning Leander 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...

# TROMBONE

Now that you have chosen the instrument that suits YOU, it's time to get your instrument and the supplies that are needed for band class. You can order your instrument & supplies online, or you can bring this list to the music store in person! Please read through the following list & information carefully.

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 512-570-3229 or [Liz.Love@leanderisd.org](mailto:Liz.Love@leanderisd.org).

A special note about TROMBONE: we begin the year with a Non-Trigger trombone to help students be successful when learning fundamentals. Before Thanksgiving Break, students will switch to the Trigger trombone. When it is time to switch, Mr. Ward will communicate with families and facilitate exchanging the trombone out for the new one. All money spent on the Non-Trigger trombone will be applied to the Trigger trombone. This means you MUST rent or buy from one of our Music Stores - Strait Music or Band Connection.

## **Non-Trigger Trombone Models** (beginning of year)

- Yamaha YSL200AD
- Bach TB 600

## **Mouthpiece**

- Small Bore Bach 6 ½ AL

## **Trigger Trombone Brands/Models** (large bore, must have F attachment, will switch before Thanksgiving!)

- Yamaha YSL 448G
- Bach Stradivarius 42 (opt. step-up model)

## **Mouthpiece**

- Large Bore Bach 5G

***Director approval needed for ANY instrument make/model substitution!***

## **Required Trombone Accessories** – purchased at a MUSIC STORE

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| • Tuning Slide Grease (Selmer or Schilke Brand) | • 5-Minute Theory Book: Trombone             |
| • Cleaning Snake & Mouthpiece Brush             | • Korg TM-50 or TM-60 Tuner/Metronome        |
| • Yamaha Trombone Slide Lubricant               | • Korg CM-300 Contact Microphone ("pick-up") |
| • Spray Bottle                                  | • Folding music stand (for home practice)    |
| • Essential Elements: Trombone Book 1           |  |

## **Required Band Supplies** – purchased from Target, Walmart, Amazon, etc. (not available at music store)

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| • 3 Pencils                                   | • Small rectangular mirror (5"x7" is best, search Amazon for "locker mirror" ) |
| • 3 Highlighters (different colors)           | • \$5 Binder Fee (to be paid in August)  |
| • Set of 25 Page Protectors (plastic sleeves) |  |