

WSMS Instrument Quick Guide

Band Instruments to Choose From:

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| Flute | Tenor Saxophone | Trombone |
| Oboe*** | Bari Saxophone | Baritone/Euphonium |
| Clarinet | Bassoon*** | Tuba*** |
| Bass Clarinet | Trumpet | Percussion |
| Alto Saxophone | French Horn*** | |

***=Denotes “Scholarship” Instruments- these instruments are usually in high demand in bands and are more likely to receive college scholarships than others.

Ways to Obtain Quality Instruments:

Retail Store Rentals: Music and Arts (Murrieta), Bertrand’s Music (Temecula), San Diego County Music Exchange (Vista), JKEAA Music Services (Riverside)

Monthly Rentals / Build Equity towards a New Instrument / Flexible Repair Costs

Rent From the Band: \$100 annual donation due at the beginning of the school year (August/September) and at the end of the school year for use over the summer and following school year (May/June)

Purchasing an Instrument: Purchasing an instrument from a retail store or online store should only be done once the family knows that the student is dedicated and loves making music. Decisions on what instrument to purchase should be discussed with the band director and/or private instrument teacher.

Instrument Brands to Stick To:

Brass Instruments: Bach, Besson, Blessing, Conn, Holton, Getzen, Jupiter, Kanstul, King, Meinl-Weston, Miraphone, Monette, Weril, Wilson, Yamaha

Woodwind Instruments: E.K. Blessing, Jupiter, Selmer, Yamaha, Armstrong, Emerson, Gemeinhardt, Haynes, Pearl, Powell, Trevor Jones, Fox and Renard, Loree, Rigoutat, Buffet, LeBlanc, Heckel, Schreiber, Conn, Keilwerth

Percussion Instruments: CB Percussion, Gibraltar Hardware, Gretsch, Jupiter (Mapex, Majestic, Ross), Latin Percussion Ludwig, Pearl, Premier, Remo, Tama, Toca, Yamaha, Vic Firth, Sabian, Zildjian, Pro-Mark