



WHITE PINE BANDS

Recommended & Required Equipment List

Listed in this document are the strongly recommended instrument and mouthpieces brands/models for band students in White Pine Bands (White Pine Middle School and White Pine High School). Used instruments and equivalent late models are perfectly acceptable, provided the instrument is in clean, working condition with no adjustment or seal issues. Good quality instruments are an investment that can last a lifetime, when maintained and cared for properly.

These instruments can be purchased new or used (recommended) from Music & Arts (www.musicarts.com) or any reputable retailer. They can also be purchased via online sources such as eBay, Mercari, or Reverb, or even at the local, private-level. What is most important is that the instrument is a quality brand and working properly.

Please do not purchase any model or brand that is not on this list without first consulting your Band Director. When students purchase instruments not listed on this document we will, in most cases, direct them not to use it in class and recommend that they try to return the item immediately. This is to ensure the progress of the individual student and entire group. The best way to avoid this is to use this list when making purchasing decisions, and contacting your band director if you're not sure!

The mouthpieces and reed brands/strengths listed below are not just recommended, they are REQUIRED. The correct mouthpiece is ESSENTIAL to correct learning outcomes, and nothing else will be allowed in our programs. No exceptions. Students who arrive in class with something other than what is outlined below will be asked to change their equipment before participating in rehearsal.

Percussion students may purchase most of their recommended equipment through our partnership with Steve Weiss Music Percussion Specialists. Percussion students should visit www.steveweissmusic.com and click "Find My School" on the right-hand side, then scroll down to "White Pine Middle School" to view their list.

If parents/students/families require assistance in finding or purchasing correct equipment, it is important that they contact the director immediately so he can help! Likewise, struggling families in need should contact the director if they are having difficulty obtaining these items – we want every student to be able to participate and will do what is needed to make it happen!

Please look at the list below to find your instrument and/or mouthpiece! Reach out to your director if you need help!

Recommended Instrument Brands/Models

FLUTES:

Beginner Model Flutes (6th Grade Beginning Band - 9th Grade)

- Yamaha YFL-262Y

*Students will upgrade directly to a professional model from their beginner flute. At that point we recommend keeping the beginner model as a spare/marching horn.

Professional Model Flutes (9th Grade - College Level)

- Yamaha 577H/587H or 677H/687H with C# trill key
- Other makers *may* be acceptable - please consult a director for more information.

Piccolos: Consult your director for guidance purchasing a piccolo.

OBOES

Beginner Model Oboes (7th Grade Advanced Band - 9th Grade)

- Fox-Renard Model 330
- Select Fossati, Yamaha, Chudnow, Howarth, and Rigoutat Models (Ask for guidance)

Professional Model Oboes (9th Grade - College Level)

- Any F. Loree Paris Model with left hand F key, in good condition.

BASSOONS:

Beginner Model Bassoons (7th Grade Advanced Band - 12th Grade)

- Beginner-Level Bassoons are provided by the school, we recommend this.

Professional Model Bassoons (Advanced HS - College Level)

- Any Fox (Not Fox-Renard) Model, with #2 Bocal

CLARINETS:

Beginner Model Clarinets (6th - 9th Grade)

- Yamaha YCL-250/255 or YCL-AD200
- *Students will upgrade directly to a professional model from their beginner clarinet. At that point we recommend keeping the beginner model as a spare/marching horn.

Professional Model Clarinets (9th Grade - College Level)

- Buffet Crampon R13. Any R13 model of any age (made since 1957) is acceptable, but must be crack-free and in good working condition.

Bass Clarinet:

- Bass Clarinets are provided by the school - this is what we recommend. Bass clarinet players should own their own regular clarinet.

SAXOPHONES:

Beginner Model Saxophones (7th- 9th Grade)

- Alto Saxophone: Yamaha YAS-200AD, YAS-23, or YAS-26 Alto Saxophone
- Tenor Saxophone: Yamaha YTS-200AD, YTS-23, or YTS-26 Tenor Saxophone
- *Students will upgrade directly to a professional model from their beginner sax. At that point we recommend keeping the beginner model as a spare/marching horn.

Professional Model Saxophones (9th Grade - College Level)

- Alto Saxophone:
 - Yamaha YAS-62, YAS-82, YAS-875EXII or any Yamaha "Custom" Model
 - Selmer Paris (Any Model)
 - Yanigasawa (Any Model)
- Tenor Saxophone
 - Yamaha YTS-62, YTS-82, YTS-875EXII or any Yamaha "Custom" Model
 - Selmer Paris (Any Model)
 - Yanigasawa (Any Model)

Baritone & Soprano Saxophones

- Baritone & Soprano Saxophones are provided by the school - this is what we recommend. Every saxophone player should own their own alto saxophone.

TRUMPETS:

Beginner Model Trumpets (6th Grade Beginning Band – 8th Grade)

- Yamaha YTR-2330 Standard Bb Trumpet
- Yamaha YTR-4335II Trumpet in Silver (Slightly Upgraded)
*Students will upgrade directly to a professional model from their beginner trumpet. At that point we recommend keeping the beginner model as a spare/marching horn.

Professional Model Trumpets (9th Grade/HS – College Level)

- Vincent Bach Stradivarius Model 37
- Yamaha - Any "Xeno" or 800/900 Series Model

FRENCH HORN:

Beginner Model Horn (7th Grade Beginning Band – 8th Grade)

- French horns are usually provided by the school during middle school. However, some families prefer to purchase their own. In this case, they should purchase or rent a Yamaha YHR-567 Double Horn, which should last into high school.

Professional Model Horns (9th/10th Grade/HS – College Level)

- Yamaha – Any 600 or 800 Series with "Kruspe wrap" and detachable bell
- Hoyer – Any Professional Model with "Kruspe wrap" and detachable bell
- Holton H281 or H279
- Conn 8DS "CONNstellation" Model with "Kruspe wrap" and detachable bell

TROMBONES:

Beginner Model Trombones (6th Grade Beginning Band – 8th Grade)

- Yamaha YSL-446G or YSL-448G Trombone w/F Trigger
- Yamaha YSL-354 or 200AD Series Student Trombone (6th Grade Only – Should only be purchased if cost of 446/448 is an issue. Should not be used past 7th grade at the latest.)

Professional Model Trombones (9th Grade/HS – College Level)

- Vincent Bach Stradivarius 42BO
- Yamaha – Any "Xeno" or 800 Series Model
- Getzen Models 1047F (Eterna) or 3047AF (Custom)

Bass Trombones – These are provided by the school, which is what we recommend. All trombone players should own their own regular, tenor trombone.

EUPHONIUMS & TUBAS

Beginner/Intermediate Model Euphoniums (7th Grade Beginning Band – 8th Grade) *

- Euphoniums are usually provided by the school during middle school. However, some families prefer to purchase their own. In this case, they should purchase or rent a Yamaha YEP-321 Euphonium, which should last into high school, before an upgrade is needed.

Professional Model Euphoniums (9th Grade/HS – College Level)

- Yamaha YEP-642T "Neo", YEP-642II "Neo", or YEP-842TS Custom
- Besson – Any Professional "Compensating" Model
- Wilson – Any Professional "Compensating" Model

Tubas – Tubas are provided by the school. This is what we recommend. However, all tuba players should own their own mouthpiece from the list below.

Required Mouthpieces (All Grades, 6-12)

*These can be easily purchased on Amazon, eBay, or at www.musicarts.com

CLARINET:	-	Vandoren 5RV "Lyre" Mouthpiece with Bonade "Inverted" Ligature
BASS CLARINET:	-	Vandoren B45 OR Selmer C* Mouthpiece with Rovner "Dark" Ligature
ALTO SAX:	-	Selmer S80 C* Mouthpiece with Rovner "Dark" Ligature
TENOR SAX:	-	Selmer S80 C* with Rovner "Dark" Ligature
BARITONE SAX:	-	Selmer S80 C* with Rovner "Dark" Ligature
TRUMPET:	-	Vincent Bach "7C" or Yamaha "11B4" Mouthpiece
FRENCH HORN:	-	Yamaha 30C4 or Holton Farkas Standard Horn Mouthpiece
TROMBONE:	-	Vincent Bach 6.5AL or Yamaha 48S Mouthpiece
BASS TROMBONE:-		Vincent Bach 2G
EUPHONIUM:	-	Yamaha EP53D or Schilke 51D Mouthpiece
TUBA:	-	Helleberg 120-S Mouthpiece

Required Reeds (All Grades, 6-12)

*These can be easily purchased on Amazon or, by request, at Jay's Music Exchange on Aultman St.

White Pine Bands use ONLY the Vandoren clarinet & saxophone reed types and strengths listed below. Incorrect brands (I.E. Rico, Mitchell Laurie, D'Addario, Legéré, etc) or strengths will not be allowed for use in class, at rehearsals, or at concerts due to the loss of instructional time they cause and the loss of sound quality that effects all students in the ensemble. If a student is found using the incorrect reed, they will be asked not to play and will be considered unprepared for rehearsal. Reed players should have a minimum of three (3) good reeds at all times. Reeds are disposable items that are the responsibility of the student to obtain. If they are having difficulty obtaining these, they should contact their director immediately for assistance.

CLARINET:	-	6th Grade: Vandoren Blue Box #2.5 7th Grade: Vandoren Blue Box #3 8th-12th Grade: Vandoren Blue Box #3.5 (or occasional #4, at teacher's direction)
BASS CLARINET:	-	7th-8th Grade: Vandoren JAZZ Tenor Sax Reeds #2.5 (yes, tenor sax – this is not a typo) 9th-12th Grade: Vandoren JAZZ Tenor Sax Reeds (yes, tenor sax – this is not a typo)
ALTO SAX:	-	7th Grade: Vandoren Blue Box #2 or #2.5 (Ask Your Director) 9th-12th Grade: Vandoren Blue Box #2.5 or #3 (Ask Your Director)
TENOR SAX:	-	7th-8th Grade: Vandoren Blue Box #2 or #2.5 (Ask Your Director) 9th-12th Grade: Vandoren Blue Box #2.5 or #3 (Ask Your director)
BARITONE SAX:	-	7th-12th Grade: Vandoren Blue Box #2 or 2.5 (Ask Your Director)
DOUBLE REEDS;	-	OBOE & BASSOON (7 th -12 th Grade): Ask Mr. Bellon for direct assistance obtaining quality reeds.

Required MS Books (Grades, 6-8)

*These can be easily purchased Jay's Music Exchange on Aultman St. or on Amazon

6th-8th Grade: Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 (For their instrument/Yellow Book, published by Hal Leonard)
7th-8th Grade: Essential Elements 2000 Book 2 (For their instrument/Green Book, published by Hal Leonard)