

Materials and Supplies

A good quality instrument will make learning to play an instrument easier. If you are using a family instrument, it is a good idea to have it serviced. It can be frustrating to learn a new instrument if it doesn't work properly. The stores listed above sell good quality, repairable instruments. Be wary about online purchases. Some instruments cannot be repaired.

We use the Essential Elements 2000 method book.

FLUTE

Brands for Your Consideration: Yamaha, Selmer, Vito, Bundy, Armstrong, Gemeinhardt, Jupiter

Flute Accessories - Cleaning rod and handkerchief, Method Book (Essential Elements 2000, Book One) and collapsible music stand

CLARINET

Brands for Your Consideration: Yamaha, Selmer, Vito, Bundy

Clarinet Accessories - Cork grease, swab, Four #2 1/2 Reeds, The mouthpiece should be one of the following: Pyne PolyCrystal, Vandoren B45, Selmer HS*, Method Book (Essential Elements 2000, Book One) and collapsible music stand

SAXOPHONE

Brands for Your Consideration: Yamaha, Selmer, Vito, Bundy

Saxophone Accessories - Cork grease, swab, Four #2 1/2 Reeds (Vandoren) Method Book (Essential Elements 2000, Book One) and collapsible music stand

TRUMPET

Brands for Your Consideration: Bach, Yamaha, King, Selmer, Conn

Trumpet Accessories - 5C mouthpiece, valve oil, tuning slide grease, a cleaning cloth, Method Book (Essential Elements 2000, Book One) and collapsible music stand

TROMBONE

Brands for Your Consideration: Bach, Yamaha, King, Selmer, Conn

Plastic trombones ('P-Bone') may be an option for the first two years but should be replaced with a brass trombone.

Trombone Accessories - 6 1/2 AL or 12C mouthpiece, slide oil or slide cream and spray bottle, tuning slide grease, Method Book (Essential Elements 2000, Book One) and collapsible music stand

BARITONE

Brands for Your Consideration: Bach, Yamaha, King, Selmer, Conn

Baritone Accessories - 6 1/2 AL mouthpiece, valve oil, tuning slide grease, Method Book (Essential Elements 2000, Book One, Treble Clef) and collapsible music stand

PERCUSSION

Brands for Your Consideration: Vic Firth, Innovative Percussion, Ludwig

Percussion Accessories - Bell Kit with Mallets, Practice Pad, Snare Drum Sticks (General or 2B), Method Book (Essential Elements 2000, Book One) and collapsible music stand