



# What do I need for band?

## 2022-2023 School Year

*Please have these materials along with your instrument before school starts, lessons will start the second week of school.*

### **Checklist for Band**

#### **1. An Instrument: *Please carefully read these options on how to obtain a quality instrument:***

- **Option 1:** Rent from a local music store (reserve/order an instrument by August in order to have one in time for band camp in August or band lessons when school starts)
- **Option 2:** Mrs. Ryan has reserved a school instrument for your child (you would have been notified already by email or on the initial letter with your child's instrument choice)
- **Option 3:** You have an instrument at home from a sibling, family member or friend. *Please have the instrument looked at to make sure it is in working condition. Bring it to a local music store ASAP to allow time for them to repair it over the summer.*
- **DO NOT:** purchase an instrument from amazon, costco, ebay, facebook marketplace, tag sales, etc. These low-quality instruments will cause more problems for your child as a beginner and spend more time being repaired. If you'd like to purchase a quality instrument, I suggest waiting until 5th grade after they are sure they will continue playing. Ask Mrs. Ryan for recommendations!

#### **2. *Essential Elements Book 1* for your instrument**

- Purchase on amazon or at a local music store

#### **3. 3-ring binder just for band & a pencil**

- A binder keeps music and papers organized and won't fall out into the backpack or get lost.
- Purchase at the Dollar Tree, Walmart, Target, Amazon, etc.

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#### **4. Supplies for your instrument: see below!**

- Music stores should provide you with the supplies you need when you rent. School instruments will come with all supplies too. You will need to purchase extra reeds for clarinet, oboe and saxophone.
  - **Flute:** soft cleaning cloth or bandana, cleaning rod
  - **Oboe:** 3-4 size medium-soft Leshner reeds (amazon), silk cleaning cloth, cork grease
  - **Clarinet:** box of #2½ RICO reeds, cleaning swab, cork grease, optional: mouthpiece brush for cleaning
  - **Alto Saxophone:** box of #2½ RICO reeds, cork grease, neck strap (preferably one with a cushion)
  - **Trumpet:** Mouthpiece, valve oil, slide grease
  - **French Horn:** Mouthpiece, valve oil, slide grease
  - **Trombone:** Mouthpiece, slide spray or oil
  - **Baritone:** Mouthpiece, valve oil, slide grease
  - **Percussion:** 5A drumsticks (2 pairs), practice pad with stand (purchase on amazon to bring back and forth to school)
    - *Alfred Drum Method Book 1* (additional book)
    - *optional:* rent or purchase a snare drum to keep at home for practicing on a real drum at home, which is more fun!

#### **Other Important Information:**

- There will be 2 evening concerts (Winter and Spring) that students are expected to attend when participating in band. Dates and details will be sent out in the fall.
- If at any time, you have questions about band, please email me over the summer at [sryan@berlinschools.org](mailto:sryan@berlinschools.org) and I will get back to you within 1 week. I'm so excited to have your child experience participating in band next year!!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Shelby Ryan