

Band: Recommended Instrument Brand Names

The following list of band instrument brand names serves as a reference. Alphabetized brand names were recommended by highly regarded music colleagues on the basis of proven instrument durability, tone quality, and ease of playing.

To the best of my knowledge, no company brand is officially affiliated with Columbus City Schools.

FLUTE

- Gemeinhardt
- Jupiter
- Yamaha

CLARINET

- Buffet
- Jupiter
- Selmer
- Yamaha
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- Yamaha

ALTO SAXOPHONE

- Jupiter
- Selmer
- Yamaha

TRUMPET

- Bach
- Jupiter
- Yamaha

TROMBONE

- Bach
- Jupiter
- King
- Yamaha

ELECTRIC BASS GUITAR

- Sire Marcus Miller Bass
- Fender

PERCUSSION

1. Drumsticks (Preferable Size: 5A or 5B)

- Promark
- Vic Firth
- Zildjian

2. Drum Practice Pad

- Remo
- Vic Firth
- Evans

3. Snare Drum with Stand

- Ludwig
- Pearl

4. Mallets

**Hard Yarn & Medium Rubber*

- Promark
- Vic Firth
- Innovative Percussion

5. Percussion Kit (Optional)

Most kits includes bell set, practice pad, stand, bell mallets and drumsticks)

- Ludwig
- Pearl

Online Shopping: Although the internet is a viable alternative for purchasing an instrument...however, “online buyers beware” as it’s difficult to really know the condition, sound, and quality of an instrument before purchasing online.

If buying an instrument online make sure to purchase from a reputable online retailer. Ask them about their return policy and warranty information. Read customer reviews and check the online store’s rating with The Better Business Bureau.