



Dear Meadow Brook Beginning Band Students and Parents,

Welcome to the Mustang Public Schools Band Program! We are excited about your decision to join the band! To get everything started off on the right path, here is some excellent information to help you obtain an instrument and other needed items for your child to use in band.

It is incredibly important that each new member of the Meadow Brook Beginning Band have quality equipment to use for class each day. Please read through the next section of this letter very carefully as it contains detailed information regarding instrument brands and accessory items needed.

### **Recommended Equipment**

Flute:

- Recommended brands - Yamaha, Gemeinhardt, Pearl, Jupiter
- Supplies needed - polishing cloth, tuning rod, 1-inch 3-ring binder with 5 dividers and 20 plastic sheet protectors, 2 pencils, pencil pouch, Tradition of Excellence Book 1 Band Method for Flute.

Clarinet:

- Recommended brands - Yamaha, Buffet, Bundy, Selmer, Leblanc, Jupiter
- Supplies needed - Hite Premiere mouthpiece, Rovner Ligature, Vandoren size 2.5 reeds (box of 10), cleaning swab, polishing cloth, mouthpiece cap, 1-inch 3-ring binder with 5 dividers and 20 plastic sheet protectors, 2 pencils, pencil pouch, Tradition of Excellence Book 1 Band Method for Clarinet.

Trumpet:

- Recommended brands are - Yamaha, Bach
- Supplies needed - Bach 7C, 5C, or 3C mouthpiece based on student's individual features, polishing cloth, valve oil, slide grease, 1-inch 3-ring binder with 5 dividers and 20 plastic sheet protectors, 2 pencils, and pencil pouch, Tradition of Excellence Book 1 Band Method for Trumpet.

Trombone:

- Recommended brands are - Yamaha, Bach, Getzen
- Supplies needed - Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece, polishing cloth, "slide-o-mix" (with a black cap), schilke slide grease, 1-inch 3-ring binder with 5 dividers and 20 plastic sheet protectors, 2 pencils, pencil pouch, Tradition of Excellence Book 1 Band Method for Trombone.

Percussion:

- Required percussion kit - Innovative Beginner Percussion Kit with rolling Cart #IPPK32 (includes bell set, practice pad, stand)
- Required sticks, mallets and bag - Innovative Lalo Davila model Snare Drum Sticks, Innovative FS350 Keyboard Mallets, Innovative IP300 Keyboard Mallets, F9 Fundamental xylophone mallets, Innovative Fundamental Series stick bag SB3.
- Supplies needed - ½ inch three ring binder with 20 page protectors, 2 pencils, a pencil pouch, Tradition of Excellence Book 1 Band Method for Percussion.

**Found an instrument that is not one of the brands listed? Email us so we can decide together if this an instrument that you should acquire.**

***Please try to avoid buying an instrument on the internet without the advice of one of the band directors. If you find what looks to be a good deal, please send the link to Mrs. Tracy or Dr. Raiber before you purchase. We will be able to advise you on the quality of the instrument.***

While it does cost money to participate in band, you are making an investment in your child's future. Many young musicians go on to receive college scholarships based solely on playing a musical instrument. **All 6th grade band students should expect to have the necessary items for band, including their instrument, by Friday, August 23, 2019.** Please let us know if you have any concerns. We look forward to welcoming you into the Mustang Band Family. We are excited that you have chosen to join our Band Program!

Sincerely,

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