

Recommended Music Stores

The Encore Ensembles tuition pays for your weekly lessons and rehearsals, however your student will also need an instrument and various supplies depending on their instrument of choice.

- We partner with Eckroth Music in Roseville - they have all the materials you will need, and even offer shipping if you are not close to their store!
- Other local music stores: Groth Music (Bloomington), Music Mart (Faribault), Schmitt Music (multiple locations including Brooklyn Center and Burnsville).
- If you are looking at an instrument not on the list of recommended brands below, do not hesitate to reach out to your band director to see if it is a trusted brand.

IMPORTANT! Never buy instruments from places that do not specialize in music such as Amazon, Target, Walmart, etc. These instruments can and will present problems down the road and instrument repair technicians will not even touch them if they are not reputable brands.

All students will need an **Essential Elements book for their lessons**. This is the equivalent of a textbook for math or English class and has all the information they will need as they are learning how to play their instrument.

Recommended Instrument Brands and Required Supplies

Flute

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Gemeinhart, Emerson, Pearl, Jupiter

Supplies: Cleaning Rod, cleaning cloth

Clarinet

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Buffet, Bundy, Selmer, Vito, LeBlanc

Supplies: Cleaning Cloth, Rico Royal or VanDoren reeds (strength 2.5)

Alto Saxophone

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Vito, Bundy, Selmer

Supplies: Cleaning Cloth, Rico Royal or VanDoren reeds (strength 2.5)

Trumpet

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Getzen, Bach, Conn, Holton, Getzen

Supplies: Cleaning Snake, Valve Oil, Slide Grease, Mouthpiece Brush

French Horn

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Holton, Conn

Supplies: Rotary Valve Oil, Slide Grease, Cleaning Snake, Mouthpiece Brush

Trombone

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Getzen, Bach, Holton, Conn, King, Bach

Supplies: Slide Cream or oil, slide grease, cleaning snake, mouthpiece brush

Baritone

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Jupiter

Supplies: Valve oil, slide grease, cleaning snake, mouthpiece brush

Percussion Kit - Bell set AND snare drum

Recommended Brands: Yamaha, Ludwig, Pearl, Musser

Sticks: Snare Drum sticks: Vic Firth SD1, plastic bell mallets (Ludwig or Vic Firth are trusted brands)