

WHAT OTHER SUPPLIES DO I NEED?

CLEANING CLOTH

A soft cloth for swabbing water out of your instrument.

POLISHING CLOTHS

A soft cloth for polishing fingerprints off of your instrument.

A STIFF, NARROW BRUSH

For cleaning out your trumpet, trombone, baritone / euphonium, tuba, clarinet or saxophone mouthpiece.

VALVE OIL

A special oil used to lubricate the valves on brass instruments.

CORK GREASE

A special balm used to lubricate the joints on clarinets and saxophones.

REEDS

A small, thin piece of wood or plastic used to create the sound on a clarinet or saxophone. Reeds are purchased separately.

FOLDER, INSTRUMENT CASE, BOOK

These will be provided for you at school.

PENCIL AND A MUSIC STAND

Please bring a pencil to every class. You will need to have a music stand for practicing at home. They start at \$10 and you can often find a used ones.



What Instruments Are In Band?

Woodwinds:

Flute, oboe, clarinet, bass clarinet, bassoon, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone and baritone saxophone

Brass:

trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, euphonium and tuba.

Strings:

electric bass (Not a wind or brass instrument, but we take them in band).

Percussion:

concert percussion (snare drum, bass drum, timpani, etc.), mallet percussion (bells, etc.) and drum-kit.

Guitar and piano are important instruments for jazz band, however they are not taught at school. If you are taking private lesson on either, please let your teacher know!

How To Get a BAND Instrument

TO USE IN CLASS



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OPTION A

BUY AN INSTRUMENT

A GREAT INVESTMENT IN THE LONG RUN!

BUYING FROM A MUSIC STORE

These music retailers sell good used instruments and new instruments. Their experts will work with you to fit your needs to your budget.

Long & McQuade Musical Instruments

756 Hillside Ave., Victoria, BC
(250) 384-3622

Ask to speak to the “Band Department”

Tapestry Music

772 Bay St., Suite #3, Victoria, BC
(250) 590-0752

BUYING FROM AN INDEPENDENT SELLER

You can find some amazing deals on used band instruments on Used Victoria, Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, etc. The most important things when buying second-hand is the brand and the condition. A quality brand-name instrument could be a good deal, even if it needs some repairs, and a brand new instrument that’s an unknown brand might be junk. **Good brands are: Yamaha, Bach, Conn, Selmer, Vito, Boosey & Hawkes, Armstrong, and Jupiter.** Never buy an instrument with no brand name or serial number.

OPTION B

RENT AN INSTRUMENT

A GREAT WAY TO TRY IT OUT!

RENTING FROM A MUSIC STORE

These music retailers rent quality instruments on a monthly basis, and will make repairs and adjustments for you. They also support our program by giving us a donation for every instrument that is rented to a Rockheights student. This is a great way to avoid the frustration of, “Is it me, or is my instrument not working?” They guarantee your instrument is working. Both retailers have rent-to-own programs, or give you the option of buying out a rented instrument.

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Rental Night!

**5-7pm, Tuesday September 21, 2021,
Rockheights Band Room**

For your convenience, representatives from Long and McQuade will come here to help you rent an instrument from them, purchase supplies and answer questions.

OPTION C

BORROW AN INSTRUMENT

THE MOST AFFORDABLE OPTION!

BORROW AN INSTRUMENT FROM THE SCHOOL

At Rockheights, we are lucky to own a collection of band instruments, which are available for students to borrow for the year. (Sorry, we don’t have oboes or bassoons.) We ask for a donation, \$20 is suggested, for the whole year, but no student is denied an instrument to use because of cost.

Many of these instruments cost at least \$20 *per month* to rent from a music retailer, so this is an exceptional value. Your donation helps to defray the costs of cleaning and repairing the instruments. These instruments have seen a lot of use and love over the years! They work, but they’re not in great condition and sometimes that can be frustrating.

These instruments are loaned out on a first-to-send-in-signed-forms, first-served basis, so please send in the forms right away. Some instruments are more popular than others (typically saxophone, trumpet and electric bass) and we have a limited supply of them. If you don’t get your first choice of instrument, try something else!

BORROWING FROM A FRIEND

This is a great option! Ask around – someone you know might have one you can use. It’s not safe to share instruments, though, so they have to loan it for the year.

