

## 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. Reeders 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.

