

## WHAT OTHER SUPPLIES DO I NEED?

### CLEANING CLOTH

A soft cloth for swabbing water out of your instrument.

### POLISHING CLOTH

A soft cloth for wiping fingerprints off of your instrument.

### A STIFF, NARROW BRUSH

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

### VALVE OIL AND/OR SLIDE OIL

A special oil used to lubricate the valves on brass instruments or the slide on a trombone.

### CORK GREASE

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

### SLIDE GREASE

A special balm used to lubricate the slides on trumpets, baritones/euphoniums and tubas.

### 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 guitar is not a wind or brass instrument, but we take them in band.

### Percussion

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

*Guitar and piano are important instruments for Jazz Band, but they are not taught in the band class. If you are taking private lessons on guitar or piano and want to play in Jazz Band, please speak to your teacher!*

# 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 new and used 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**

1824 Government Street, Victoria, BC  
(250) 590-0752

#### BUYING FROM AN INDEPENDENT SELLER

You can find some amazing deals on used string 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, Jupiter, Conn, Selmer, Vito, Boosey & Hawkes, Buffet, Gemeinhardt and Armstrong.** 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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## OPTION C

### BORROW AN INSTRUMENT

THE MOST AFFORDABLE OPTION!

#### BORROW AN INSTRUMENT FROM ROCKHEIGHTS

At Rockheights, we are lucky to own a collection of most 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 \$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. We have a limited supply of them. Some instruments are more popular than others, 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. You will need to practice on it at home, so they have to loan it for the year.