McLean 6th Grade Center Band

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Trombone

Please take this information to the music store when you get your instrument.
You will be responsible for the following instrument and accessories.

Recommended Flute Brand/Model-Rent or Purchase from Music Store:

King 606, Jupiter 432L
There are other choices, but these models are the best overall value.

AVOID:

Please avoid any instrument that you are unable to open and view before purchase. Inferior instruments are available at retail stores and online. An inferior instrument will hinder success and frustrate your child.

Required Accessories-Purchase from Music Store:

Schilke 51D small bore Mouthpiece & Mouthpiece Brush
Polish Cloth
Cleaning Snake
Slide-O-Mix Slide Oil
Slide Eze Slide Grease
Trombone Water Bottle
Essential Elements for Band-Trombone Book 1
Korg TM40 Metronome/Tuner
Folding Music Stand (for practicing at home!)
notebook paper & zipper pencil pouch
Pencils

Where to buy:

As with any purchase, it is best to explore as many options as possible before you buy. Here are a few options for you, please feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

Local Stores:

Local stores are the best option if you are unsure about what you are buying. They will know exactly what instrument brand and model you will need and will have different rental options that mail-order companies will not. They will also be able to do different repair/warranty deals.

N-Tune Music
10450 E. Bankhead Highway
Aledo, TX 76008-3158
(817) 441-9003

Brook Mays Music Co.
3801 S. Cooper St. #117
Arlington, TX 76015
(817) 468-1500

Music & Arts
4000 5 Points Blvd. #129
Arlington, TX 76018
(817) 466-8696

Rivard Brothers
2425 W. Arkansas Ln.
Pantego, TX, 76013
(817) 459-2263

Mail-Order Companies: This is the best option if you want to buy straight out without renting or financing, which in the long run could save you hundreds of dollars. These companies are well respected. Please be very specific about the brand and model you are looking for. Also, these companies may not have all the required accessories.

International Music Suppliers – www.intlmusicalsuppliers.com:
Call toll free 1-800-762-1116

Woodwind and Brasswind – www.wwbw.com
Call toll free at 1-800-348-5003

Muncy Winds – www.muncywinds.com
Call toll free at 1-800-333-6415

Ebay and Pawn Shops: This option has the highest risk, but you could also get a great deal. I would not buy anything sight unseen without a money back guarantee! Also, ask the seller if you can have a "third party evaluation" done. This is where the seller takes the instrument to a reputable music shop, preferably one you pick, and has it inspected for quality. You then communicate directly to the shop rather than the seller. This can be a lot of extra work, but you might be able to get a great deal.

When you acquire the instrument, IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT that the student or other family members not be allowed to "play" the instrument before instruction has been given! Your child will develop bad habits that are very difficult to break, and the well-meaning family member may break the instrument or its accessories which could result in a costly repair or replacement.

Private Lessons

Private instruction is available for your child from local professional musicians. Private lessons are not required; however, they are strongly suggested and will give your child an opportunity to progress more quickly. A weekly lesson is 30 minutes long, and the average rate per lesson is $16. Information will be given in August about signing up for private lessons.

Welcome to the band family. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please do not hesitate to call at 817-814-5761 or email me at lindsey.traughber@fwisd.org. I want to do everything to make this a positive experience for you and your child.

Thank you and welcome to the McLean 6th Grade Band!