

McLean 6th Grade Center Band

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Alto Saxophone

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:

Yamaha YAS-23 or Selmer Model AS600

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:

Vandoren Optimum AL3 mouthpiece

Mouthpiece Patch –thick black rubber (to help with stability & comfort while playing)

Rovner Dark Ligature (holds reed on the mouthpiece)

Alto Sax Silk Swab (to clean the inside of the instrument after each use)

Padded Neck Strap (used to hold the instrument)

Cork Grease (aids in assembling instrument)

Reed Guard (protects reeds when storing)

1 Box Vandoren #2 1/2 Reeds (produces sound on instrument)

Rhythm Master Book 1, Alto Saxophone by J.R. McEntyre & Harry Haines

Folding Music Stand (This helps ensure proper playing technique while practicing at home)

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

Tarpley Music
628 SW Wilshire Blvd
Burlson, TX 76028
(817) 736-1633

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

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.

Woodwind and Brasswind – www.wwbw.com
1-866-514-7200

Muncy Winds – www.muncywinds.com
1-828-832-3830

Musicians Friend – www.musiciansfriend.com
1-877-880-5907

Facebook Marketplace, eBay, 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 \$18. 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 email me at lindsey.traughber@fwsd.org or call at 817-814-5761. 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!