



MCLEAN 6TH BAND

Tuba

McLean 6th Grade Center will provide the instrument for an \$80 instrument use fee. (\$40 per semester) Please note that FWISD does not accept checks. Cash only, please.

*Dependant on how many tubas are available, your student will be provided with a school tuba and a home tuba.

Required Accessories-Purchase from Music Store:

Conn Helleberg 120 S Mouthpiece

Mouthpiece Brush (cleans the inside of the mouthpiece)

Polish Cloth-untreated (cleans the exterior of the tuba)

Blue Juice Valve Oil (lubricates the tuba valves)

Slide Eze Slide Grease (lubricates the tuba slides)

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

Folding Music Stand (ensures proper playing technique while practicing at home)

½ inch binder, 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
Burleson, TX 76028
(817) 736-1633

The Bandwagon
100 E. Felix St. S
Fort Worth., TX 76115
(817) 468-1500

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

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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
1-800-348-5003

Muncy Winds – www.muncywinds.com
1-828-773-1998

Musicians Friend – www.musiciansfriend.com
1-800-449-9128

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 \$20. For lesson contact info, go to: <https://www.mcleanmsband.com/private-lessons.html>

Welcome to the band family. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at lindsey.traughber@fwisd.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!