

NWGMS Band Materials

1. Method Book:

6th Grade Band – *Essential Elements for Band: Book 1* (for specific instrument)

7th Grade Band – *Essential Elements for Band: Book 2* (for specific instrument)

8th Grade Band – *Habits of a Successful Middle School Musician* (for specific instrument)

2. Instrument & Instrument-Specific Items:

- 7th & 8th Graders should bring their instrument** and all items on the second day of classes.
- 6th Graders should bring their instrument** and all items by Tuesday, Sept. 5th.

FLUTE

- Cleaning cloth to use with cleaning rod
- Silver polishing cloth (if instrument is silver plated)

CLARINET, BASS CLARINET*, ALTO SAX*, TENOR SAX*, BARI SAX*

- Swab
- Mouthpiece (Students should upgrade to a Yamaha mouthpiece in 7th & 8th Grade)
- 10 Vandoren Reeds OR 2 Legere synthetic reeds (6th Grade: Size 2; 7th Grade: Size 2.5; 8th Grade: Size 3)

OBOE*, BASSOON*

- Please speak to your teacher about custom materials

TRUMPET, HORN*, TROMBONE, BARITONE, TUBA*

- Mouthpiece (Trumpet: Bach 7C; Horn: Bach 7; Trombone/Baritone: Bach 12C; Tuba: Yamaha 66)
- Cleaning/Care Kit: Valve/Slide Oil, Slide Grease, Cleaning Snake, Mouthpiece Brush, Polish Cloth

PERCUSSION*

- Stick/Mallet Pack: Vic Firth EP2A Intermediate Education Pack Standard
- Practice Pad: Evans RealFeel 2-Sided Drum Pad

A Note about Quality Instrument Brands: When purchasing an instrument, choose a brand that is built to last (e.g., Yamaha, Bach, Jupiter, Gemeinhardt, Backun, Selmer, etc.). Although there are other instrument brands that can be purchased for a reduced cost, these instruments have significantly reduced quality. Please do not purchase an instrument with atypical colors (i.e., band instruments should be natural wood or natural metal colors only). Please reach out to us if you have questions about instrument quality before making a purchase.

3. Performance Attire:

Students will wear our “NWGMS Music” embroidered black polo shirt for each concert performance. These will be ordered within the first month of the school year .

4. Additional Materials:

- Communication App – Download the *Band* app and join our group at: <https://band.us/n/aba8A2H5P2Z4s> or by scanning the QR Code.



- Tuner App – Examples: *insTuner*, *Tuner T1*, *Bandmate Chromatic Tuner*, *Tonal Energy* (tuner/metronome \$4.99)
- Metronome App – Examples: *Pro Metronome*, *Smart Metronome*, *Pulse*

**Instruments with an asterisk are for 7th and 8th Grade students only. 6th Grade students may audition to play these instruments in December.*

***Families choose to either purchase, rent, or borrow instruments for Band class. There are excellent rent-to-own programs at Moore Music, Love That Music, or Music & Arts. Your student may also borrow an instrument from the school at no charge – please do not hesitate to reach out to your teacher if your student needs to borrow an instrument. No child should ever feel excluded from participating for financial reasons.*