

# SPMS Band Supply List

## Clarinet/Saxophone

### Instrument:

Parents are strongly encouraged to provide the highest quality instrument possible. Generally the local music stores rent high quality beginning level instruments in new condition. Used instruments are fine if they are from a quality manufacturer and are in good condition. Before buying a used instrument, have the band director or specialist from a music store inspect it to make sure it is in proper playing condition. Music stores will have reliable instruments. It is possible to obtain used instruments online, but it is important to check the brand name. The last thing you want is to be stuck with a cheap copy of an instrument that looks beautiful, but has a bad sound, breaks easily, and is difficult or expensive to repair.

### Clarinet:

Look for the following well-respected names when obtaining a clarinet: **Buffet, Yamaha, Selmer, Jupiter, LeBlanc, or Vito**. Of course parents of very serious students are encouraged to upgrade to such models as **Noblet 45, Buffet E11, or Buffet R13**. Parents are also strongly encouraged to upgrade the mouthpiece. This will dramatically enhance the student's sound and playing ability at a minimal cost. Purchase of a **Hite Premier, or a Vandoren B45** mouthpiece is recommended along with a **Rovner or Luyben** ligature.

### Saxophone:

Look for the following well-respected names when obtaining a saxophone: **Yamaha, Selmer, P. Mauriat, Yanagisawa, Cannonball, or Jupiter**. Parents are also strongly encouraged to upgrade the mouthpiece. This will dramatically enhance the student's sound and playing ability at a minimal cost. Purchase of a **Selmer C\* or Vandoren** mouthpiece is recommended.

### Required Method Book:

Essential Elements Book 1-Specific to your instrument (Clarinet, Alto Sax, Tenor Sax)  
(should be purchased new for online content)

### Required Supplies:

- Name Tag for case
- Cleaning swab
- Cork Grease
- Box of reeds with **3 reeds kept in case at all times**.
  - Beginners should start with Rico 2.5 or similar.
  - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders should upgrade to Vandoren 3 or similar.
- 1" BLACK 3-RING BINDER**

### Suggested Supplies:

- Metronome (free apps avail.)
- Tuner (free apps avail.)
- Folding music stand for practicing at home
- Reed Case (nicer than the disposable ones provided when purchasing reeds)
- Page protectors for binder.