

FMS Band Required Equipment Lists

Flute:

- Recommended brands for flute: Gemeinhardt, Yamaha, Armstrong, Jupiter
- Tuning/cleaning rod (should come with flute)
- Cotton or silk swab. A cotton handkerchief is fine.
- A music stand for home practice
- Method Book: Essential Elements Book One for flute

Oboe:

- Recommended brands for oboe: Fox, Yamaha, Selmer
- Four reeds
- A reed holder for four reeds
- Silk swab, preferably one that has a pull string on both ends
- A music stand for home practice
- Method Book: Essential Elements Book One for Oboe

Bassoon:

- Recommended brands for bassoon: Fox, Yamaha, Selmer
- Four reeds
- A reed holder for four reeds
- A set of silk swabs, preferably ones that have a pull string on both ends
- A music stand for home practice
- Method Book: Essential Elements Book One for Bassoon

Clarinet:

- Recommended brands for clarinet: Buffet, LeBlanc, Selmer, Yamaha, Vito, Jupiter
- One box of Rico 2½ reeds for clarinet
- A reed holder for four reeds
- Pull-through swab (cotton or silk) with no bristles or metal parts
- Cork grease (any brand from a music store that looks like chap-stick)
- A music stand for home practice
- Method Book: Essential Elements Book One for clarinet

Alto Saxophone:

- Recommended brands for saxophone: Yamaha, Selmer, Jupiter
- One box of Rico 2½ reeds for alto saxophone
- A reed holder for four reeds.
- Pull-through swab (cotton or silk) with no bristles or metal parts
- Neck pipe brush
- Cork grease (any brand from a music store that looks like chap-stick)
- A music stand for home practice
- Method Book: Essential Elements Book One for alto saxophone

Trumpet:

- Recommended brands for trumpet: King, Bach, Yamaha, Jupiter
- Valve oil: Al Cass brand
- Tuning slide grease: "Slid-Eze" works really well, but any music store brand or Vaseline will also work
- A complete set of cleaning brushes. (bore, mouthpiece, and valve)
- A music stand for home practice
- Method Book: Essential Elements Book One for trumpet

French Horn:

- Recommended brands for French Horn: Holton, Conn, Bach, Yamaha, Jupiter
- Valve oil: Al Cass brand
- Tuning slide grease: "Slid-Eze" works really well, but any music store brand or Vaseline will also work
- Mouthpiece brush
- A music stand for home practice
- Method Book: Essential Elements Book One for French Horn

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Trombone:

- Recommended brands for trombone: Yamaha, Bach, King, Conn, Jupiter
- Trombone slide cream (Trombotine is best)
- A small spray bottle for water
- Tuning slide grease: "Slid-Eze" works really well, but any music store brand or Vaseline will also work
- A complete set of cleaning brushes. (bore and mouthpiece)
- A music stand for home practice
- Method Book: Essential Elements Book One for trombone

Euphonium/Baritone:

- Recommended brands for baritone: Yamaha, King, Bach, Holton, Conn, Jupiter
- Valve oil: Al Cass brand
- Tuning slide grease: "Slid-Eze" works really well, but any music store brand or Vaseline will also work
- A complete set of cleaning brushes. (bore, mouthpiece, and valve)
- A music stand for home practice
- Method Book: Essential Elements Book One for baritone B.C. (bass clef)

Tuba:

- Tuba will be provided at school; tuba players should acquire their own mouthpiece. Recommended brands for mouthpiece: Bach, Conn
- Valve oil: Al Cass brand
- Tuning slide grease: "Slid-Eze" works really well, but any music store brand or Vaseline will also work
- A complete set of cleaning brushes. (bore, mouthpiece, and valve)
- A music stand for home practice
- Method Book: Essential Elements Book One for tuba

Percussion:

- Recommended brands for percussion practice kit (includes stand, practice pad, and 2½ octave keyboard): Ludwig, Pearl, Yamaha, Jupiter
- Drumsticks: model SD1 or 5A from Vic Firth or ProMark (wood tips only)
- Hard rubber keyboard mallets
- A metronome; the brands Korg or Boss are recommended, or you may use a phone app
- A music stand for home practice
- Method Book: Essential Elements Book One for percussion
- Method Book: "A Fresh Approach to the Snare Drum" by Mark Wessels

String Bass:

- Instrument for home practice (3/4 size)
- Bow
- Rock stop
- Rosin
- Extra strings
- A tuner and metronome (phone apps are acceptable as long as the phone is only used for class purposes)
- A music stand for home practice
- Method Book: Essential Elements for Band, Book One for Electric Bass — you are not playing electric bass, but this is the correct book.

Returning band students should have all the above equipment plus:

- A tuner and a metronome (phone apps are acceptable as long as the phone is only used for class purposes)
- Method Book: Essential Elements Book Two
- Reed instruments should switch to Vandoren reeds or similar quality, strength 3
- Students should consider getting a "step-up" mouthpiece or instrument to replace their beginner model
- Percussion students must also have a pair of yarn keyboard mallets and a stick bag