

Recommended Brass Instruments

Below is a list of recommended instruments for beginning and step-up levels. It is not uncommon to reach 7th or 8th grade and be physically and musically prepared to move on to a higher quality instrument than the one originally purchased or rented. This is by no means an exclusive list, but does contain quality instruments of the specified level.

You should try out your instrument in person and try out at least 3 of the same type to pick the best from the models offered from your music shop.

PM Music would be the easiest place to reach out to and try out new instruments.

The term “intermediate” is synonymous to a “step-up” and is more than likely the level instrument a junior high student should be trading up to. More advanced students may be interested in “professional” model instruments. The term “professional” is synonymous with highest quality, it does not mean you have to be a professional to have that instrument.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD YOU BUY AN INSTRUMENT FROM A MAJOR RETAILER (AMAZON, SAM'S CLUB, WALMART, TARGET, ETC.). THEY ARE POOR INSTRUMENTS AND WILL NOT LAST. ALL INSTRUMENT PURCHASES NEED TO BE MADE THROUGH A MUSIC STORE **IN PERSON!**

To access links - This document can be found on the Minooka Junior High Band website:

<https://minookaband.weebly.com/>

Trumpets

| Instrument Level | Brand | Model Number | Approx. Cost |
|------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Intermediate | Yamaha | YTR-4335GII | \$1700 - \$1900 |
| Intermediate | Bach | TR200S | \$2100 - \$2700 |
| Professional | Bach | Strad. LR180S37 | \$3000 - \$3500 |

Mouthpieces

Bach 5c or **Schilke 14**
Bach 3c or **Schilke 16**

French Horns

| Instrument Level | Brand | Model Number | Approx. Cost |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Intermediate | Holton | 379 | \$4200 - \$4400 |
| Intermediate | Conn | 6D | \$4300 - \$4500 |
| Professional | Conn | 8D | \$5600 - \$6000 |

*If you are upgrading your horn, you want a DOUBLE horn

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[Holton Farkas \(Med\)](#)

[Holton Farkas \(Med Deep\)](#)

Trombones

| Instrument Level | Brand | Model Number | Approx. Cost |
|------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|
| Intermediate | Yamaha | YSL-620 | \$2400 - \$2600 |
| Intermediate | Bach | TB200B | \$2900 - \$3100 |
| Professional | Bach | 42B | \$3900 - \$4100 |

*When upgrading trombones, you should try to get one with a “F attachment”

Mouthpieces

[Bach 6.5 AL](#)

[Bach 5G](#)

[Yamaha 48](#)

*All small shank mp

Euphoniums

| Instrument Level | Brand | Model Number | Approx. Cost |
|------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|
| Intermediate | Besson | BE165 | \$3200 - \$3500 |
| Intermediate | Yamaha | YEP321 | \$3000 - \$3300 |
| Professional | Besson | BE968 | \$9000 - \$9200 |

*When upgrading euphoniums, you should try to get a euphonium that has 4 valves and or is “compensating.”

Mouthpieces

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Tubas

*Students who play tuba will be provided one by the school - if you want to purchase a tuba for your student contact Mr. Neisler, Ms. Sujka, or talk to your private lesson teacher.

Mouthpiece

[Helleberg](#)