

## **Recommended Woodwind 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/>***

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### **Flutes**

<b>Instrument Level</b>	<b>Brand</b>	<b>Model Number</b>	<b>Approx. Cost</b>
Intermediate	Yamaha	362H/382H	\$1600 - \$1800
Intermediate	Yamaha	462H/482H	\$2200 - 2500
Professional	Pearl	Quantz 765	\$2500 - \$2700
Professional	Yamaha	577H/587H or 677H/687H	\$3300 - \$4300

### **Oboes**

<b>Instrument Level</b>	<b>Brand</b>	<b>Model Number</b>	<b>Approx. Cost</b>
Intermediate	Fox	330	\$3700 - \$4000
Intermediate	Cabart	Student Model	\$4000 - \$5500
Professional	Loree	“Professional”	\$5000 - \$7200

\*It is preferable for the oboe to have a “left F key” and “low Bb” key.

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Recommended Music Shops besides PM Music:

[Oboe Chicago](#)

[Carlo's Oboe](#)

### **Bassoons**

\*Students who switch to bassoon by direction of their band director(s) will be provided one by the school - this is just if a family ever wants to purchase one for their student

Instrument Level	Brand	Model Number	Approx. Cost
Student / Beginning	Fox Renard	41	\$5000 - \$6700
Intermediate	Fox Renard	220	\$9000 - \$10500
Professional	Fox Renard	III or IV	\$7000 - \$9000
Professional	Fox Renard	460	\$18000

### **Clarinets**

\*Students that are interested in buying a bass clarinet should talk with Mr. Neisler, Ms. Sujka, or their private teachers directly

Instrument Level	Brand	Model Number	Approx. Cost
Intermediate	Buffet	E11	\$1700 - \$3000
Intermediate	Buffet	E12F	\$2300 - \$3000
Professional	Buffet	R13	\$4000 - \$6000

\*When getting a clarinet - try to get the "silver key" option so your keys do not tarnish

Clarinet Mouthpieces:

- ❖ Vandoren - **M30 Lyre**, M13 Lyre, M30 88, or M13 88
- ❖ Richard Hawkins Vocalise Bb - [R \(close/short\)](#) or **G (med/med)**

Bass Clarinet Mouthpieces:

- ❖ Vandoren [B40](#)
- ❖ Richard Hawkins Vocalise Bass - [R \(close/short\)](#) or **G (med/med)**

Recommended Music Shops besides PM Music:

[Lisa's Clarinet Shop](#) - she sells great new/used clarinets!

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### Alto Saxophones

\*Students that are interested in buying a **tenor or bari** saxophone should talk with Mr. Neisler, Ms. Sujka, or their private teachers directly

Instrument Level	Brand	Model Number	Approx. Cost
Professional	Yamaha	YAS-62	\$3000 - \$4000
Professional	Yamaha	YAS-82Z "Custom Z"	\$4000 - \$5200
Professional	Selmer	Paris 72	\$6000 - \$7000

\*For saxophones, it is not usually "worth it" to buy an intermediate model, as many of the intermediate level saxophones cost the same as professional.

\*For mouthpieces - make sure you are buying the correct mouthpiece for the instrument (ex. it is common to buy a tenor mouthpiece when you meant to buy an alto mouthpiece).

Alto Saxophone Mouthpieces:

- ❖ **Selmer S80 C**
- ❖ Vandoren Optimum AL3

Tenor Saxophone Mouthpieces:

- ❖ **Selmer S80 C**
- ❖ Vandoren Optimum TL3

Bari Saxophone Mouthpieces:

- ❖ **Selmer S80 C**
- ❖ Vandoren Optimum BL3