



Required Materials for Music Ensembles
Charlotte High School

Percussionists:

Percussionists, regardless of ensemble placement, must purchase their own sticks. Percussionists are required to purchase the following:

- 8" minimum "real feel" practice pad.
 - Evans recommended brand.
- Metronome (either an app [lots of free options!] or a programmable one).
- Percussionists must also have the following:
 - Snare sticks (Vic Firth SD1 or Innovative Percussion IP1)
 - Two pairs of marimba mallets (medium hard yarn)
 - One pair of Timpani mallets
 - All of these items (drum pad sold separately) can be bought here together:



Wind Orchestra

The Wind Orchestra is Charlotte High School's top auditioned-only band. The students enrolled in this class **MUST** obtain the following equipment by September 1st. These items can be purchased through Amazon, local music dealers, or even Mr. Bunnens; please ask for clarifications if any is needed.

- Oboe
 - All oboists are required to purchase their own reeds. Strongly recommend buying reeds from professional reed makers; not through music stores. Ask Mr. Bunnens for contacts.
 - Cleaning swab
- Flute
 - Cleaning rod and swab
 - All flute players are strongly recommended to upgrade their flutes to an open holed flute. See Mr. Bunnens for brand recommendations.
- Clarinet
 - Vandoren B45 mouthpiece
 - Rovner ligature OR Bay metal ligature
 - Size 3-3.5 reeds
 - Vandoren V12s are highly recommended. Otherwise, only purchase blue box Vandoren reeds.

- Saxophone
 - Selmer S80 C*, Selmer Concept, or Vandoren AL3 mouthpiece
 - If a student wants a mouthpiece specifically for jazz please invest in a Meyer 5
 - Students enrolled in 6th period jazz band will be given a Meyer 5 for the school year.
 - Size 3-3.5 reeds
 - Vandoren V12s are highly recommended. Otherwise, only purchase blue box Vandoren reeds.
 - Neck strap or harness

- Bassoon
 - All bassoonists are required to purchase their own reeds. Strongly recommend buying reeds from professional reed makers; not through music stores. Ask Mr. Bunnens for contacts.
 - Seat strap or neck strap; whichever your preference is.
- Trumpet
 - Bach or Blessing 3C mouthpiece
 - Valve Oil
 - Tuning Slide Grease
 - Trumpet players are also strongly encouraged to purchase their own mutes
 - Straight mute
 - Cup mute
 - Harmon mute
- Horn in F
 - Lasky 775G mouthpiece OR
 - Lasky 80G, 825G, 85G depending on lip size
 - Rotor valve oil
 - Tuning slide grease
- Trombone
 - Bach/Blessing 6 ½ AL mouthpiece
 - Trombone slide grease
 - Tuning slide grease
- Euphonium
 - Bach/Blessing 6 ½ AL mouthpiece
 - Valve oil
 - Slide grease
- Tuba
 - Conn Helleberg Mouthpiece
 - Rotor valve oil
 - Tuning slide grease

Any student NOT enrolled in Wind Orchestra is still **strongly encouraged** to invest in the equipment above as soon as possible. The equipment listed are the same items used by collegiate and professional musicians across the country. They will last you your *entire high school career and beyond* in music. I still have my mouthpiece from high school that I play on. They will last you a life time; if you care for it.