

# Recommended Quality Instrument Brands

Not all musical instruments are created equal! This list is designed to offer you, the parent, some guidelines toward providing your child with a quality band instrument. Beginning level instruments manufactured in the United States are superior to foreign competitors (with the exception of *Yamaha* brand). If you choose an instrument other than those listed below please be sure of the following: the instrument should have a serial number stamped on the instrument and know where the instrument was manufactured (country of origin). The country in which an instrument was “engineered” or “designed” is not an assurance of quality, nor is it a guarantee that it will be repairable when the need arises.

Below are quality musical instrument brands and a list of reputable music dealers in the area who can assist you in the lease/purchase of a new or pre-owned instrument in good condition for your child. **DO NOT PURCHASE AN INSTRUMENT THAT THE COLOR IS ANYTHING OTHER THAN SILVER, BLACK, OR YELLOW BRASS, OR MOLDED OUT OF PLASTIC.** These “gimmicks” are not acceptable and usually are made very poorly. When in doubt, consult with your child's instrumental music instructor.

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF THESE FACTS IF YOU SHOP ON INTERNET AUCTION SITES, IN DISCOUNT WAREHOUSES, OR DISCOUNT CHAIN STORE - YOUR CHILD’S PROGRESS MAY BE HINDERED BY AN INSTRUMENT OF POOR QUALITY!**

## Flute and Clarinet Brands:

Accent  
Armstrong  
Artley  
Buffet  
Bundy  
Conn  
Gemeinhardt  
LeBlanc-Vito  
Noblet  
Selmer  
Yamaha

## Trumpet and Trombone Brands:

Accent  
Bach  
Besson  
Bundy  
Conn  
Getzen  
Holton  
King  
Olds  
Selmer  
Yamaha

## Clarinet Accessories:

Mouthpiece: Hite or Vandoren Brands  
Ligature: Bonade or Rovner Brands  
Reeds: Rico or Mitchell Lurie, Size 2 ½

**Trumpet Mouthpiece:** Bach 5c, 7c

**Trombone Mouthpiece:** Bach 12c

**Drum/Bell Kits:** Bell kits include a set of bells, a drum pad, mallets, snare drum sticks\* (Vic Firth – 5B). Brand names include *Ludwig*, *Pearl*, or *Premier*.

\*SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT SNARE DRUM STICKS! ONLY Vic Firth size 5B are acceptable for all percussionists!

## Area Instrument Dealers:

*Big Bug Music, 934 North Ninth Street, Stroudsburg 424-6040*  
*Nazareth Music Store, 162 South Main Street, Nazareth 610-759-3072*

*These dealers have been servicing the East Stroudsburg Area School District for many years and have proven to provide quality products and services. You may however, secure an instrument from other sources. Please consult with your child's band director to ensure the instrument you choose is in good, playable condition.*

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