

Material List for 6th Grade Clarinet:

Brands and models listed are selected for their quality, features, and value. All models have been tested and approved by local professional musicians. Rental prices vary by retailer and range from \$25-40 per month.

Instrument Brand and Model

Recommended Model: Buffet B12 or Buffet Prodigie

Comparable Model: Vito 7214WC

Other acceptable brands: Yamaha and Julian Bliss

If the local store you visit doesn't have these EXACT models for rent, please ask them for instruments that are comparable to each!

Mouthpiece Brand and Model (included as part of rental)

Vandoren M13 Lyre

Hite MP Mouthpiece

Ligature Brand and Model (included as part of rental)

Rovner Dark

Accessories to purchase at time of rental

- ★ Mouthpiece Patch (small piece of rubber that attaches to the mouthpiece to make playing more comfortable)
- ★ Clarinet Neck Strap or Thumb Eze (helps ease the weight of the clarinet)
- ★ 1 Box Mitchell Lurie Size reeds (6th Graders- size "2" or "2-1/2"; 7th/8th Graders- size "3" or "3-1/2" reeds)
- ★ Silk Swab
- ★ Mouthpiece brush
- ★ Cork Grease
- ★ Folding Music Stand (the wire variety are the most cost effective, but they are also VERY flimsy)

Important Information to Know Prior to Renting an Instrument

1. What percent of your monthly payment (equity) can go towards a step-up instrument?
2. Can equity be transferred to another instrument should your child change instruments or be transferred to another family member?
3. How are instrument repairs handled?
4. Are loaner instruments available for students to use while their instrument is being repaired?

Accessories we are providing for you:

- ★ 1 Black, 1" Binder
- ★ Supplemental music and packets
- ★ The Sound Innovations- Book 1 for your instrument

Required Materials to have for our class (Remote and "in-person" instruction):

- PENCILS!
- Pencil Bag/ Pouch
- A portable mirror to store in your case (to check embouchure)
- A good chair to sit in while practicing (kitchen chair, wooden chair, etc.) and a **quiet** place to practice.
- Again: **EVERY student will use the 1" BLACK three ring binder to file away concert music, worksheets, and other handouts. -Please make sure you use your binder for ONLY band or orchestra. Every student will also need blank notebook paper to put in the back of their binders.**

Strongly Encouraged Materials for ALL instruments:

Do You Have a Smartphone? -"There's an App for that"... TONAL ENERGY is a GREAT App that has an OUTSTANDING tuner and metronome combination. If you do your research, some of the Apps that exist on the market for smartphones are just as good as tuner/metronomes that you can purchase separately. However, if you're wanting to purchase a separate device, here's what we suggest:

- Tuner/Metronome combination. Recommended Model: Korg TM-50 Digital Tuner Metronome.

Frequently Asked Questions

What instruments can be checked out from the school?

Instruments typically checked out through the school include string bass, cello, tuba, baritone, and horn. Depending on availability, we MAY ask cello students to rent an instrument for home. There are also a limited number of other instruments available from the school. Call or email to inquire about loaning an instrument from the school.

If my instrument is not available from the school, where do I get an instrument?

There are several options for getting an instrument. Here are a few suggestions for instrument rental or purchase:

<p>Music and Arts 238 E Harmony Road D-10/D-12 FORT COLLINS, CO 80525 970-223-5837 www.musicarts.com</p>	<p>Boomer Music Company 3761 S. Mason Street 970-223-2424 www.boomermusiccompany.com</p>
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I see that there are many instrument brand recommendations. Do I need to know these if I'm renting an instrument?

The good news is that between our main music stores, they will already carry these brands as part of their rental programs. Knowing these brands is ideal for future use in purchasing an instrument.

What about buying a used instrument?

If you wish to purchase a used instrument you SHOULD check with one of the two Leshher instrumental directors BEFORE making the purchase. Be wary of “throw-away” instruments. Generally, these instruments are being sold at a very cheap price, however the moment something goes wrong, they'll need more work and money put into them than the instrument is worth. Also, do NOT purchase ANYTHING from Craigslist or Amazon without getting approval from one of the directors. —We just don't want you waisting your money and time! When in doubt, stick with the reputable brands or if you can take the instrument to one of the above locations to have it inspected before purchasing. Remember, if you can purchase tires at the same location that is selling instruments, it might not be the best place to purchase an investment such as an instrument.

What options are there for families that cannot afford an instrument?

There are several organizations and options available to help families that are struggling financially. These families should contact Mrs. Obluda or Mrs. Boyce to request financial support in renting an instrument. Please contact us if you would like to look into these options.—*We'll Find a Way to Make it Work!*

When should we get our instruments?

If you will be participating in the summer music program, you should plan on renting an instrument AT LEAST one week prior to the summer music program. **If you are checking an instrument out from Leshher, Mrs. Obluda and Mrs. Boyce will make arrangements for you to check out an instrument during the camp.** Even though you are VERY excited to play your new instrument, you should wait until the summer music program starts so that you don't develop incorrect habits. If you are NOT participating in the summer music program, you should plan on getting your instrument during the first week of school.

