



Required Music Materials

As listed in the registration packet received over the summer, all students are required to have the following music materials. To ensure quality and performance, please note that the models and brands are required unless a student's private teacher specifically recommends something different.

Required Materials for All Band Members

- Metronome – Smartphone apps are acceptable
- Tuner – Smartphone apps are acceptable
- Blue band shirt – This shirt is used for multiple public performances and events throughout the 4 years of band
- Pencil (present at all rehearsals)

Required Materials for Woodwind Players

Flutes: Cleaning cloth

Double Reeds: A minimum of 4 reeds in perfect playing condition at all times and a case in which to keep the reeds.

Clarinets: In order to develop an appropriate tone and sense of pitch, clarinet players should no longer be playing on the original mouthpiece and ligature that came with the instrument. Students should purchase (or already own) the following equipment:

- Vandoren M13 mouthpiece (unless their private teacher has already had them upgrade)
- BG Super Revelation ligature (unless their private teacher has already had them upgrade)
- Vandoren reeds (minimum of 4 in perfect playing condition at all times)
- cork grease and a cleaning cloth

Saxophones: In order to develop an appropriate tone and sense of pitch, saxophone players should no longer be playing on the original mouthpiece and ligature that came with the instrument. Saxophonists should purchase (or already own) the following equipment:

- Selmer C* mouthpiece (unless their private teacher has already had them upgrade)
- BG Super Revelation ligature (unless their private teacher has already had them upgrade)
- Vandoren reeds (minimum of 4 in perfect playing condition at all times)
- Swab/cleaning cloth
- Jazz Saxophonists – hard rubber or metal jazz mouthpiece

Required Materials for Brass Players

French horns: Horn players should purchase (or already own) the following equipment:

- Schilke 30 mouthpiece (unless their private teacher has already had them change mouthpieces)



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- Rotary valve oil
- Schilke slide grease
- Not required (but useful): straight mute and stop mute

- Trumpets: Trumpet players should purchase (or already own) the following equipment:
- Bach 7C mouthpiece (unless their private teacher has already had them change mouthpieces)
 - Straight mute
 - Valve oil
 - Schilke slide grease
 - Jazz Trumpet Players: Cup mute and Harmon mute
- Trombones: Trombone players should purchase (or already own) the following equipment:
- Bach 6 ½ AL mouthpiece with either the large or small bore shank for your instrument (unless their private teacher has already had them change mouthpieces)
 - Straight mute
 - Slide cream
 - Spray bottle
 - Not required: cup mute
- Tubas: Tuba players should purchase (or already own) the following equipment:
- Helleberg* mouthpiece (unless their private teacher has already had them change mouthpieces)
 - Valve oil
 - Schilke slide grease

Required Materials for Percussionists

*****make sure all sticks/mallets are labeled with your name or initials*****

Percussionists are required to play a wide variety of instruments in a number of settings and genres. To meet these demands, percussion students at HPHS are required to own a basic “arsenal” of sticks and mallets. It is common for percussionists to add new sticks/mallets each year throughout their high school career as their skills continue to improve and as older sticks/mallets wear-out. Here are the basic required materials:

- Vic Firth American Custom SD1 general snare sticks
- Innovative Percussion GT3 general tympani mallets
- 2 matching pairs (4 mallets total) of Innovative Soloist Series IP240 Medium Birch Marimba Mallets
- Stick bag - large enough to accommodate your materials. Most students already have a stick bag; if you want to purchase a new and larger bag, I would recommend taking a trip to a local music store or looking on steveweissmusic.com and purchasing one that will meet your needs and style.