

# HIGH SCHOOL BAND STEP UP GUIDE

*Here are some recommended supplies and equipment freshman students may need in making a successful transition to the bands at West Aurora High School. Private lessons are strongly encouraged!*

## Flute

- cleaning rod and swab
- polishing cloth

## Oboe/Bassoon

- at least three good reeds in playing condition (never buy plastic reeds)
- recommended double reeds: Jones
- plastic film case (for soaking reeds)
- reed guard or case
- swab
- cork grease
- small screwdriver
- seat strap (bassoon only)

## Clarinet/Saxophone

- recommended clarinet mouthpiece: **Vandoren 5RVLYRE or Larry Combs 3**
- recommended bass clarinet mouthpiece: **Vandoren B45**
- recommended alto saxophone mouthpiece: **Vandoren AL3 or Selmer S80 Selmer C\* (alto, tenor, and baritone)**
- Yamaha Custom (tenor)/Yamaha 5C (baritone)**
- recommended ligatures: **Rovner Versa or Vandoren M/O series**
- Van Doren reeds (strength 3 or 3 ½ ) purchased in boxes of 10 or 25, not individually; always have three reeds in excellent playing condition

**NOTE: never buy plastic or fibercell reeds**

- neck strap (bass clarinet or saxophone only)

**NOTE: students using school-owned instruments must supply their own neck strap and mouthpiece**

- cleaning supplies

\*Clarinet: cleaning swab, reed guard, cork grease, small screwdriver

\*Saxophone: cleaning swab, reed guard, cork grease, small screwdriver, polishing cloth

## Trumpet

- recommended mouthpiece: **Bach 3C or Yamaha 14B4**
  - valve oil (**Al Cass or Blue Juice**)
  - slide grease
  - polishing cloth
  - cleaning snake
  - straight mute (aluminum) **Tom Crown or Alessi Vacchiano**
  - cup mute **Humes & Berg stone-lined** (white with red bottom)
- Note: do not purchase multi-purpose or combination mutes**

## French Horns

- recommended mouthpiece: **Holton Farkas MC**
- rotary oil
- slide grease
- polishing cloth

## Trombone

- recommended mouthpiece: **Bach 6 ½ AL**
- slide cream (**Super Slick**)
- small spray bottle
- polishing cloth
- slide grease
- cleaning snake
- straight mute (aluminum) **Tom Crown** or **Alessi Vacchiano**
- cup mute **Humes & Berg stone-lined** (white with red bottom)

## Baritone/Tuba

- recommended baritone/euphonium mouthpiece: **Schilke 41 D**
- recommended tuba mouthpiece: **Conn Helleberg** or **Perantucci 88**
- valve oil (**Al Cass** or **Blue Juice**)
- slide grease
- polishing cloth

## Percussionists

- one pair concert snare drum sticks (**Vic Firth General**)
- one pair timpani mallets (**Vic Firth General**)
- two pair keyboard mallets
- one medium yarn
- one medium plastic or hard rubber
- stick/mallet bag

**Note: many music stores will sell a package of the above items at a savings versus purchasing them individually. (Innovative Percussion College Starter Pak – for the serious percussionist)**

## Area Music Stores We Recommend:

Music & Arts	385 IL-59, Aurora	630.577.0820
	<i>Our road representative for Music &amp; Arts is Greg James</i>	847.513.3287
	<i>He will deliver to WAHS</i>	
Quinlan & Fabish Music Co.	299 Montgomery Rd., Montgomery, IL	630.654.4111
Ellman's Music Center	508 W 5th Ave, Naperville, IL 60563	630.355.5880
<i>For woodwind repairs, we recommend:</i>		
Jeff Ford Woodwind Repair	69 Brockway Dr., Oswego, IL 60543	630.554.8723