

TCHS Band Step-Up Instrument Guide

Students should ideally play on the best instrument they can afford. The better the quality of the instrument, the better the student can perform. Below are some brands of instruments for students to consider. Students should always play a step-up instrument before they purchase it to ensure satisfaction. Music Man (West Palm Beach) has an excellent selection of instruments, as does All County Music (Fort Lauderdale). Student can order instruments online, but are encouraged to only do so if there is an option to try the instrument prior to purchase.

Flutes: Yamaha, Gemienhardt, Powell, Trevor James, Eastman, Haynes

Things to look for: Solid silver headjoint & low B key

Clarinets: Buffet, Selmer (Paris), Yamaha

Things to look for: Grenadilla wood body

Saxophones: Yamaha, Selmer (Paris), Yanasigawa, Eastman, Keilwerth

Things to look for: Spring material, key action, metal quality

Trumpets: Yamaha, Bach, Eastman, XO, Besson, Schilke, Shires

Things to look for: Leadpipe material & bell construction

Trombones: Yamaha, Bach, Eastman, XO, Jupiter, Shires, Edwards (must visit their website as they sell their instruments directly from <http://www.edwards-instruments.com/trombone/>)

Things to look for: Leadpipe material, bell construction, F attachment & its wrapping

Students who are looking to buy oboes, bassoons, French horns, euphoniums or tubas should talk to Mr. Hall before they do so.

Please note that several of these instruments can be found refurbished at Taylor Music (California) or the Wichita Band Company (Kansas). If you see something else that catches your eye, please contact the band director prior to purchasing it.