

Instruments & Music

School instruments are limited and will be available to SIXTH-GRADE first!

Students in Advanced and Intermediate Band must rent from a store!

Students using school equipment are required to complete the Broward County Schools Instrument Contract. Students will receive this during the first two weeks of school after they have been assigned an instrument.

A \$20.00 fee and a signed contract must be submitted during the first four weeks of band. **The fee is paid by going to the LCMS web page and clicking on the “Online Payments” icon.**

Students will be assigned an instrument with all accessories, on a first come first serve basis, and will be financially responsible for its care and maintenance. Students will be assigned a locker.

Beginning students purchase the red **Standard of Excellence Book 1** for **their** instrument. Intermediate students purchase the blue Book 2.

A class set will be available for use if a student leaves the book at home by mistake.

All students purchase a plastic or plastic-coated three-hole folder for sheet music.

Saxophone and clarinet reeds will be available for **\$3.00** in the band room. Oboe and bassoon reeds are \$10.00.

Students who obtain their instruments from a music store take better care of it, are more committed to learning, practice more, progress faster, continue to play in the high school band, have more parental involvement, and get better grades. It is strongly suggested to rent from a store, especially smaller instruments. Brochures are available in the band room. Stick with well-known brands, such as Selmer, Bach and Yamaha. (Often, it is better to get a used intermediate model, even though they might not look as good, rather than a new student model. The small difference in price is well worth it).

Many stores apply rent dollars towards the purchase. This is a good idea because some students decide not to continue.

Take private lessons. If the student shows strong interest, talent, and dedication to band, please consider private instruction.

Practice consistently and efficiently. Designating certain days and times to practice is the best way to achieve this, in the same manner as scheduling around baseball or dance, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, for example. Since testing occurs each Friday, Thursday is a great day to practice! Students, practice what you don't know, not what you can already do. **START SLOW** and gradually speed up.