

West Seneca West Middle School

6th Grade Band Supply List 2025–2026

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REQUIRED SUPPLIES

 For Home Use:

- - Folding Music Stand 
- - Metronome (app options: Tonal Energy, Steinway Metronome, Practice Plus)

 For School Use:

- - Instrument-Specific Supplies (see below) 
- - Lesson Book: Essential Elements Book 1
- - Percussionists also need: Breeze-Easy Book 1 for Drums
- - Pencils (always keep one in your case!) 

Instrument-Specific Supplies

Instrument	Supplies
Flute	Cleaning rod & cloth, pencil
Oboe	Small water container, 2–3 wooden reeds strength medium, feather/cloth swab
Clarinet/Bass Clarinet	Vandoren 3 reeds, reed guard (that holds 4 reeds), swab, cork grease
Alto/Tenor/Baritone Saxophone	Neck strap, Vandoren 3 reeds, reed guard (that holds 4 reeds), swab, cork grease
Trumpet	Al Cass valve oil, slide grease, mouthpiece brush, pencil
Trombone	Yamaha slide oil, water spray bottle, slide grease, mouthpiece brush, pencil
French Horn	Rotor oil, slide grease, mouthpiece brush, pencil

Baritone/Tuba

Al Cass valve oil, slide grease,
mouthpiece brush, pencil

Percussion

School provides instruments/stick
bags/sticks. \$30 rental fee applies.

INSTRUMENT PURCHASE/RENTAL INFO

Students are encouraged to rent or purchase from a reputable local dealer. Many stores offer “rent-to-own” options.

 Beware of low-quality, off-brand instruments available at big box stores or websites. These often cause more harm than good — poor tone, difficult playability, and limited or no repair options.

 Recommended Brands:

- Yamaha, Armstrong, Gemeinhardt, Selmer, Pearl, LeBlanc, Artley, Buffet, King, Getzen, Holton, Conn, Ludwig, CB Percussion, Eastman, Backun

LOCAL MUSIC DEALERS

- Music & Arts | Orchard Park | (716) 662-9533 | musicarts.com
- Crino Music | Dunkirk | (716) 366-4800 | crinosmusic.com
- Twin Village Music | Lancaster | (716) 683-4879 | twinvillagemusic.net
- West Seneca Music Center | West Seneca | (716) 825-0007
- Northtown Music | Cheektowaga | (716) 838-3835 | northtownmusic.com

 Online Options:

- Woodwind & Brasswind (wwbw.com)
- Interstate Music (interstatemusic.com)
- Musician’s Friend (musiciansfriend.com)

PRIVATE MUSIC LESSONS

Private lessons are strongly suggested for over the summer and throughout the school year. They are a fun way to improve your skills! Lessons can be scheduled at most music stores in the area. Contact me if you’d like help finding a teacher.

CONTACT INFO

If you have questions or need help with anything, please reach out:

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