

TIPS ON INSTRUMENTS NOT PURCHASED FROM A MUSIC STORE

- **If the price seems too good to be true, it is.** The instrument probably needs a lot of work, or is an off-brand purchase mistake. Quality instruments may cost more, but they will last a lifetime.
- If there is a smell, it will need to be cleaned.
- Look at the pads on woodwinds. If they are dirty or ripped, they will need to be replaced.
- On brass instruments, make sure the slides and the valves move. If not, the instrument may require more than a cleaning.
- **Brightly colored instruments are not appropriate.** While they look “cool,” they are probably not standard quality instruments. Not to mention they stick out in the professional setting of your child’s band.
- Get all instruments not purchased from a music store cleaned!
- If you purchase something online, feel free to email me the link. I will take a look at it and give you my professional opinion.

APPROPRIATE BRAND NAMES

- Beware: companies often misspell an acceptable brand name by one or two letters to confuse buyers on purpose.

Flutes (silver)

Armstrong
Artley
Bundy
Emerson
Gemeinhardt
Jupiter
Pearl
Selmer
Yamaha

Oboes (black)

Buffet
Fox
Lorilee
Selmer
Yamaha

Percussion Kits

Ludwig
Pearl
Yamaha

Clarinets (black)

Artley
Buffet
Bundy
Jupiter
LeBlanc
Selmer
Vito
Yamaha

Saxophones (brass or silver)

Bundy
Conn
Jupiter
Olds
Selmer
Vito
Yamaha

Trumpets/ Trombones/ Baritones (brass or silver)

Bach
Benge (trumpets only)
Blessing
Bundy
Conn
Getzen
Holton
Jupiter
King
Olds
Schilke
Selmer
Yamaha

French Horns (brass or silver)

Conn
Holton
Yamaha