



Rice Middle School 2019-2020 Beginning Band



Saxophone

Supply List and Information Packet

This packet contains important information about joining the Rice Raven Beginning Band. Please keep it in a safe place.

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Congratulations! You are playing the

SAXOPHONE!

Here Are the Next Steps

Reserve Your Instrument

It is best to go to a music store before the end of the school year to reserve your instrument. Plano ISD does not rent or sell saxophones. You can schedule a date to pick the instrument up or have it delivered to the school. On the following pages, you will find our supply list and a list of local music stores.

Consider Private Lessons

Some students like to get a head start before the school year with lessons from one of our approved professional saxophone specialists. Private lessons are currently \$20 per week for a 25 minute lesson. Updated contact information for private teachers can be found on our website (www.RiceMSBand.com). Our current private instructors for saxophone are:

Dr. Brian Ransom	brianransom@hotmail.com	214-536-1860
Dr. Chiaki Hanafusa	chanafus@hotmail.com	940-594-0833

Get Excited About Band!

Come to our “Welcome to Band Bash!” on April 12th! Tell your friends about your instrument selection! Watch cool videos of your instrument on YouTube!



Saxophone Supply List

You will need to rent or purchase one of the instruments below from a music store. Please do not substitute a different model of instrument without first speaking to Mr. Tucker. Beware of cheap imitation instruments. Many of these play very poorly and can even contain materials, such as lead, that can be harmful to your child's health. The instruments approved for use in the Rice Band have been carefully chosen based on the best value of cost versus quality.

You will need one of these saxophone models:

- Preferred: Yamaha YAS-26, YAS-23, or YAS-200AD
- Alternate: Selmer AS-400



You will need to purchase the following items from a music store.



Accent on Achievement Book 1 for Alto Saxophone
(Book 2 will be needed after spring break)



Rubank Elementary Method for Saxophone



Neotech Soft Neckstrap Strap



Box of Vandoren #2.5 Alto Saxophone Reeds



Vandoren AL3 Mouthpiece
(Do not use stock mouthpiece)



La Voz Reedguard IV



Rovner Inverted Ligature
(Do not use stock ligature)



Saxophone Swab



Saxophone Mouthpiece Cushion
(Mr. Reyna will put this on your mouthpiece)



Tube of Cork Grease



Metronome/Tuner Combo with Pick-up
(Recommended Model: Korg TM-60,C-22)



Music Stand for Home Practice

The items below can be purchased as a package from the band in the fall. If you prefer, you may also purchase them on your own.



Black Heavy-Duty 3-Ring View Binder
(1.5" Thick)



5" X 7" Acrylic Mirror (no glass)



8-Tabbed Dividers



Pencil



3-Hole Pencil Pouch



Instrument Case Tag

Important Reminders

Our approved instruments have been selected for their quality and value. This includes a combination of factors such as cost, durability, quality of sound, and longevity. Do not purchase a “cheap” instrument. There are a lot of these to be found online and even in department stores, but they seldom last more than a few weeks and are very difficult for students to play well, making them a waste of money rather than a bargain.* If you locate an instrument that is not one of our approved instruments, contact Mr. Tucker. We will be happy to inspect it and give you honest feedback about its quality and suitability before you purchase it.

If you pick up your child’s instrument before starting school or beginning private lessons, it is important to store it in a climate-controlled location.

Do not allow your child to handle his or her instrument before starting school or beginning private lessons. Instruments can be easily damaged if handled incorrectly.

Do not allow your child to try “self-teaching” or to learn from a neighbor, family member, etc. Students who do this almost always learn bad habits which take more time to correct, putting your child behind the class from the very beginning.

Instrument Insurance is available from an independent carrier. Go to our website for more information if you are interested. Many vendors also offer insurance and service plans. We will teach your child how to properly care for his or her instrument.

*For legal purposes, we must disclose that these statements, though based on years of successful teaching experience, are professional *opinions* and are not necessarily factual.

Where to Get Your Instrument

Saxophones are not rented or sold by the Plano Independent School District. You will need to rent or purchase your instrument and other items from the supply list.

The businesses listed below are approved vendors for Plano ISD and provided for your convenience. Neither Plano ISD nor the Rice MS Band endorses any specific vendor.

Local Full-Service Music Stores

Music & Arts Frisco Location

3211 Preston Road #14
Frisco, Texas
972-668-1176
musicarts.com

Music & Arts Allen Location

109 Central Expressway, Suite 517
Allen, Texas
214-383-1737
musicarts.com

The Band Connection

1210 West McDermott (Advantage Storage)
Allen, Texas
214-383-4885
band-connection.com

Williamson's/Music 1st Plano Location

701 East Plano Pkwy
Plano, TX
972-516-1331
wm1st.com

Williamson's/Music 1st Plano Location

701 East Plano Pkwy
Plano, TX
972-516-1331
wm1st.com

Brook Mays Music Company

6921 Independence Pkwy #120
Plano, TX
972-618-3222
brookmays.com