



Rice Middle School 2019-2020 Beginning Band



Tuba

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

TUBA!

Here Are the Next Steps

Getting Your Instrument

Plano ISD issues tubas to students for an \$85 annual usage fee. By enrolling in the band as a tuba player, your instrument will already be reserved for you. Many tuba players like to take private lessons over the summer to get a head start on the year. If you would like to do this, you will need to contact one of our private instructors (see below) as soon as possible to reserve your spot. We will be able to issue your instrument after school on May 21st if you are taking summer lessons. If you will not be taking lessons over the summer, we will issue your instrument when we return to school in August.

You will need to provide your own supplies for class. On the following pages, you will find our supply list and a list of local music stores.

Sign Up for Private Lessons

Some students like to get a head start before the school year with lessons from one of our approved professional tuba 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 tuba are:

Dr. Sunny Chou	chouweichien@gmail.com	940-595-2257
Dr. Bill Mitchell	lowbrasslessons@verizon.net	469-939-9712

Get Excited About Band!

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



Tuba Supply List

Your instrument will be provided by the school for an annual usage fee. The directors will send an Instrument Usage Agreement home on the first day of school. If you would like to start private lessons over the summer, you will be able to check out an instrument on or after May 21st. More information will be provided about summer instrument check-out in May.

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

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|  | Conn Helleberg Standard Tuba Mouthpiece |  | Mouthpiece Brush |
|  | Tuba Mouthpiece Pouch |  | Blue Juice Valve Oil |
|  | Accent on Achievement Book 1 for Tuba
(Book 2 will be needed after spring break) |  | Bach Tuning Slide Grease |
|  | Metronome/Tuner Combo with Pick-up
(Recommended Model: Korg TM-60,C-22) |  | Vinyl-Coated Flexible Cleaner |
|  | Baltimore Brass Tuba Rest (strongly recommended)--must order from manufacturer
www.BaltimoreBrass.net |  | 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.

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|  | 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 materials have been selected for their quality and value. This includes a combination of factors such as cost, durability, quality of sound, and longevity.

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 and sometimes through your homeowner's or renter's insurance agent. 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.

Where to Get Your Materials

Tubas are provided by the Plano Independent School District.
You will need to purchase your 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

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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