

2023-2024 Required Supplies for Band Class

*All students in Grade 5 & 6 plus Grade 7, 8, 9 electives.

Please email Ms. Lansky if you have any questions jlansky@lssd.ca or check out the band website <https://esmsband.weebly.com/>

General Supplies for All Students

All fees due September 15th

1. **Band instrument** – If you have your instrument already, be sure to have it professionally cleaned and repaired/checked at a music store prior to the start of school. You need your instrument for the first day back. Label your case with your first and last name. Storage is available in the band room for saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, and tuba. Flute and clarinet are kept in student lockers.

- Grade 5 instruments are rented from one of the Winnipeg music stores once instrument selection is completed (flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone). **Let the store know you want to have your instrument delivered (no charge) to ESMS over the summer.**
- Students playing euphonium/baritone and tuba plus any other **large instruments** (tenor/bari saxophone, bass clarinet) + percussion will receive a rental/user's agreement from ESMS in the first week of school. Once fees are paid, students need to get a ride home to take large instruments home, as they are not allowed on the bus. This at-home instrument needs to be returned in June.
- **Mouthpieces** need to be purchased from a music store for larger instruments – listed on the next page.
- **Reeds** and additional supplies for each instrument are required and listed on the next page.

2. All other band instruments (**flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, orchestra bells, etc.**) are rented or purchased from one of the Winnipeg music stores. Contact info is listed at the end of this list for your information and listed on the website – <https://esmsband.weebly.com/>

***ESMS does not supply smaller instruments for student use. All instruments (except larger instruments not allowed on the bus) must be rented by parents/guardians from a Winnipeg music store.**

3. **Band book** purchased from ESMS in the fall – **all instruments \$15.00.**

- Grade 5, 6, and 7 students use Essential Elements Book 1. **Grade 6 students and students that have been chosen to switch instruments need to purchase a new book.*
- Grade 8 and 9 students use Book 1 occasionally – students should keep book 1 from previous years.

***If you have lost your book or need to purchase a new one, the cost is \$15.00 for all instruments.**

Purchase from Ms. Lansky in the fall. Cash or cheque to ESMS.

4. **Instrument cleaning and care kit** – to be purchased from one of the music stores.

5. Concert and performance uniform (all students) ***NEW for Grade 7-9***

- **Grade 5/6** students need a plain black shirt and black pants for performances (no logos or designs). Skirts are allowed only with black tights underneath (no bare legs).
- ***Grade 7/8/9 students require a school band uniform.** Plain black dress pants are required for performances. Students need to purchase a white tuxedo-style shirt from ESMS to wear for all concerts and festivals. Students borrow a bowtie and cummerbund (school-owned set) to wear for performances and return once finished. **Sizing and purchase of band shirts will happen in October. Band shirts are \$40 and generally a one-time purchase (students are sized a bit larger for multiple years of use).** There are some gently used band shirts available for purchase (\$20) – first come, first served. Payment due October 18th. Cash or cheque to ESMS.

6. Folding wire music stand for at-home practice to promote proper playing posture and to use for band trips and festivals – to be purchased from one of the music stores (optional but recommended).

***Requirements for Specific Instruments – next page**

Required Supplies for Each Instrument

Flute (Grade 5-9) *music store rental, allowed on the bus, stored in student locker.

All items listed on previous page, plus a silver polishing cloth to keep the outside of your flute clean of fingerprints and dirt. J-Cloth style (dishcloth style, fast drying material) cloth for cleaning the inside of your flute if your cleaning kit does not include one.

Clarinet (Grade 5-9) *music store rental, allowed on the bus, stored in student locker.

1. All items listed on previous page, plus a box of at least **TEN, 2+1/2-strength reeds** for students in Grade 5, 6, 7. Students in Grades 8 & 9 should upgrade to 3-strength reeds to build embouchure and improve tone quality. Reeds have a short lifespan and must be replenished as needed throughout the year (parent/guardian purchase).

2. *Optional: thumb rest cushion for support while holding your clarinet, purchased at a music store.*

Alto Saxophone *music store rental (Grades 6-9 only) allowed on the bus, stored in the band room.

All items listed on previous page, plus a box of at least **TEN, 2+1/2-strength reeds** for students in Grade 6 and 7. Students in Grades 8 & 9 should upgrade to 3-strength reeds to build embouchure and improve tone quality. Reeds have a short lifespan and must be replenished as needed throughout the year (parent/guardian purchase).

Tenor Saxophone and Bari Saxophone players *school-supplied rental + student mouthpiece purchase (Grades 6-9 only) stored in the band room, instrument at home.

1. All items listed on previous page, plus a box of at least **TEN, 2+1/2-strength reeds**. Older students will switch to 3-strength reeds to build embouchure strength and improve tone quality.

2. These larger saxophones are rented from ESMS for an **annual fee of \$175**. Students receive an instrument to keep at home for practice and have one in the classroom for band class. Students must purchase their own **mouthpiece kit** (mouthpiece and ligature) from one of the music stores as well as a regular supply of reeds. ESMS does not supply mouthpieces for tenor or bari sax.

**Mouthpieces are not returnable, so please make sure you get the correct saxophone mouthpiece kit at the time of purchase.*

Trumpet + Trombone (Grade 5-9) *music store rental, allowed on the bus, stored in the band room.

All items listed on previous page.

Euphonium/Baritone and Tuba (Grade 5-9) *school-supplied rental + student mouthpiece purchase – stored in the band room, instrument at home.

All items listed on previous page plus an **annual rental fee of \$175** to ESMS in the fall. Students receive an instrument to keep at home for practice and have one in the classroom for band class. Students playing these larger brass instruments must purchase their own mouthpiece from one of the music stores. ESMS does not supply mouthpieces for euphonium or tuba.

Mouthpieces are not returnable, so please make sure you get the correct mouthpiece at the time of purchase.

Percussion (Grade 6-9 selected students only) *music store rental + school user fee

All items listed on previous page plus a music store rental of an **orchestra bells kit** to keep at home to practice mallet instrument parts (all students). This kit is also used when we travel to Camp Arnes and other festival performances. The **annual ESMS percussion user fee is \$50** and due in the fall (cash or cheque to ESMS). Students are expected to be responsible for the equipment and keep their own sticks and mallets in their stick bag. Lost or stolen mallets/sticks are not replaced by ESMS and need to be re-purchased by parents/guardians.

Winnipeg Music Store Contact Info – Rentals, Cleaning, Repairs

- 1. Long and McQuade** *repairs/maintenance done at the location on Pembina
1074 Henderson Hwy 204-515-1116 **or** 1845 Pembina Hwy 204-284-8992
- 2. St. John's Music/Yamaha store (near Polo Park)** 1330 Portage Ave 204-783-8899