

## Welcome to Band!

So what's next? **If you're not playing a school-owned instrument, please immediately contact or visit a local music store (map included) and set up a rent-to-own plan.** We generally recommend that students NOT receive their instrument before school begins in August! Many poor habits can be difficult to break if a student begins without proper instruction. Classes actually go faster if all students start from the same point rather than taking time to back up and correct poor fundamentals. Local music companies will typically deliver instruments to WCJH before school starts, but this year they will likely give them directly to you. PLEASE do not let your child handle or attempt to play the instrument until we begin instruction. Unless your child is enrolled in private lessons, we will make it clear to parents when they should begin hearing their children making sounds on their instrument.

- **ALL STUDENTS:** A metronome and a folding wire music stand are required for home practice. A student cannot develop good instrumental skills without these supplies for daily practice! We require purchasing a TM-50 Metronome/Tuner from a local music store as part of your supply kit.
- **ALL STUDENTS:** Please do not accept a generic care kit instead of the specific supplies (greases, cleaning supplies, etc.). Many care kits come with imitation brands and are often incomplete. DO NOT purchase anything via Amazon or another online retailer.
- **WOODWIND/BRASS STUDENTS:** The required mouthpieces and ligatures are essential for producing the most desirable tone. Current technologies have produced mouthpieces of great sound - - making ones from even 5 to 10 years ago obsolete. Playing on an inferior mouthpiece, even with a professional model instrument, will severely limit the success of the student.
- **CLARINET/SAXOPHONE STUDENTS:** It is preferable to buy reeds by the box. These students should always have a minimum of 5 playable reeds in their reed guard/box. Although there are cheaper brands available, please only purchase Vandoren as these are the most reliable reeds to start out on.
- **PERCUSSION STUDENTS:** Although Guitar Center does carry some of the above equipment, we ask that you please visit one of the approved vendors (attached map) to purchase equipment. Most hardware found at Guitar Center is intended for drum set and will cause unnecessary issues when starting up in August.

We look forward to your child becoming a member of the WoodCreek Band! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email, or call. For general program questions and specific questions regarding low brass, please email Mr. Guess; for specific questions regarding percussion or high brass classes, please email Ms. Blackburn; for specific questions regarding woodwind classes, please email Mr. Cremer.

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# WOODCREEK JUNIOR HIGH BAND

## WOODWIND INSTRUMENT AND SUPPLIES LIST 2023-2024

**Flute:** \*private lessons available

Recommended instruments:

Gemeinhardt P30C

Yamaha YFL-262

or equivalent (must be open hole, offset G)

Needed supplies:

- cleaning rod
- silk cleaning cloth
- polishing cloth
- folding wire music stand
- 5 flute plugs
- Korg TM-60C Combo Tuner/Metronome + Contact Microphone

**Clarinet:** \*private lessons available

Recommended instruments:

Buffet E11

Yamaha 400/450

or equivalent (must be wood)

Needed supplies:

- Vandoren 5RV Lyre mouthpiece
- Rovner ligature
- 10 Vandoren #2.5 reeds (complete box)
- reed guard
- cork grease
- folding wire music stand
- Korg TM-60C Combo Tuner/Metronome + Contact Microphone

**Oboe:** \*private lessons highly recommended

School-Provided instrument:

\$100 maintenance/rental fee per school year

Needed supplies:

- All supplies must be ordered from Bocal Majority (scan QR code below)



**Alto Saxophone:** \*private lessons available

Recommended instruments:

Yamaha YAS26, Selmer AS400/AS500

Needed supplies:

- Vandoren AL3 mouthpiece
- Rovner ligature
- polishing cloth
- 10 Vandoren #2 ½ reeds (complete box)
- reed guard
- cork grease
- padded neck strap
- folding wire music stand
- Korg TM-60C Combo Tuner/Metronome + Contact Microphone

**Bassoon:** \*private lessons highly recommended

School-Provided instrument:

\$100 maintenance/rental fee per school year

Needed supplies:

- All supplies must be ordered from Bocal Majority (scan QR code below)



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## BRASS INSTRUMENT AND SUPPLIES LIST 2023-2024

**Trumpet:** \*private lessons available

Recommended instruments:

Yamaha YTR-200AD

Bach BTR301

Needed supplies:

- Bach 3C mouthpiece
- B.E.R.P.
- Monster valve oil
- Schilke slide grease
- mouthpiece brush
- polishing cloth
- folding wire music stand
- Korg TM-60C Combo Tuner/Metronome + Contact Microphone

**Horn:** \*private lessons highly recommended

School-Provided instrument:

\$100 maintenance/rental fee per school year

Needed supplies:

- Stork C8 mouthpiece
- B.E.R.P.
- Monster rotor oil
- Schilke slide grease
- mouthpiece brush
- folding wire music stand
- Korg TM-60C Combo Tuner/Metronome + Contact Microphone

**Trombone:** \*private lessons available

Recommended instruments:

King 606

Yamaha YSL-354

Bach BTB301

Needed supplies:

- Schilke 51D small shank mouthpiece
- Trombotine
- B.E.R.P.
- slide spray bottle
- Schilke slide grease
- mouthpiece brush
- polishing cloth
- folding wire music stand
- Korg TM-60C Combo Tuner/Metronome + Contact Microphone

**Euphonium:** \*private lessons available

School-Provided instrument:

\$100 maintenance/rental fee per school year

Needed supplies:

- Schilke 51D small shank mouthpiece
- B.E.R.P.
- Monster valve oil
- Schilke slide grease
- mouthpiece brush
- polishing cloth
- folding wire music stand
- Korg TM-60C Combo Tuner/Metronome + Contact Microphone

**Tuba:** \*private lessons available

School-Provided instrument:

\$100 maintenance/rental fee per school year

Needed supplies:

- Hellenberg Silver Standard mouthpiece
- B.E.R.P.
- Monster valve oil
- Schilke slide grease
- mouthpiece brush
- polishing cloth
- folding wire music stand
- Korg TM-60C Combo Tuner/Metronome + Contact Microphone

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## PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS AND SUPPLIES 2023-2024

### Mallet Instrument, Practice Pad and Stand

- Practice Marimba (Adams 3.0 Octave Academy Series, Musser 3PM, or DeMorrow M1)
- Evans HQ 12" RealFeel 2-Sided Practice Pad
- Concert Snare Drum Stand (Cadence, Pearl, or Yamaha)

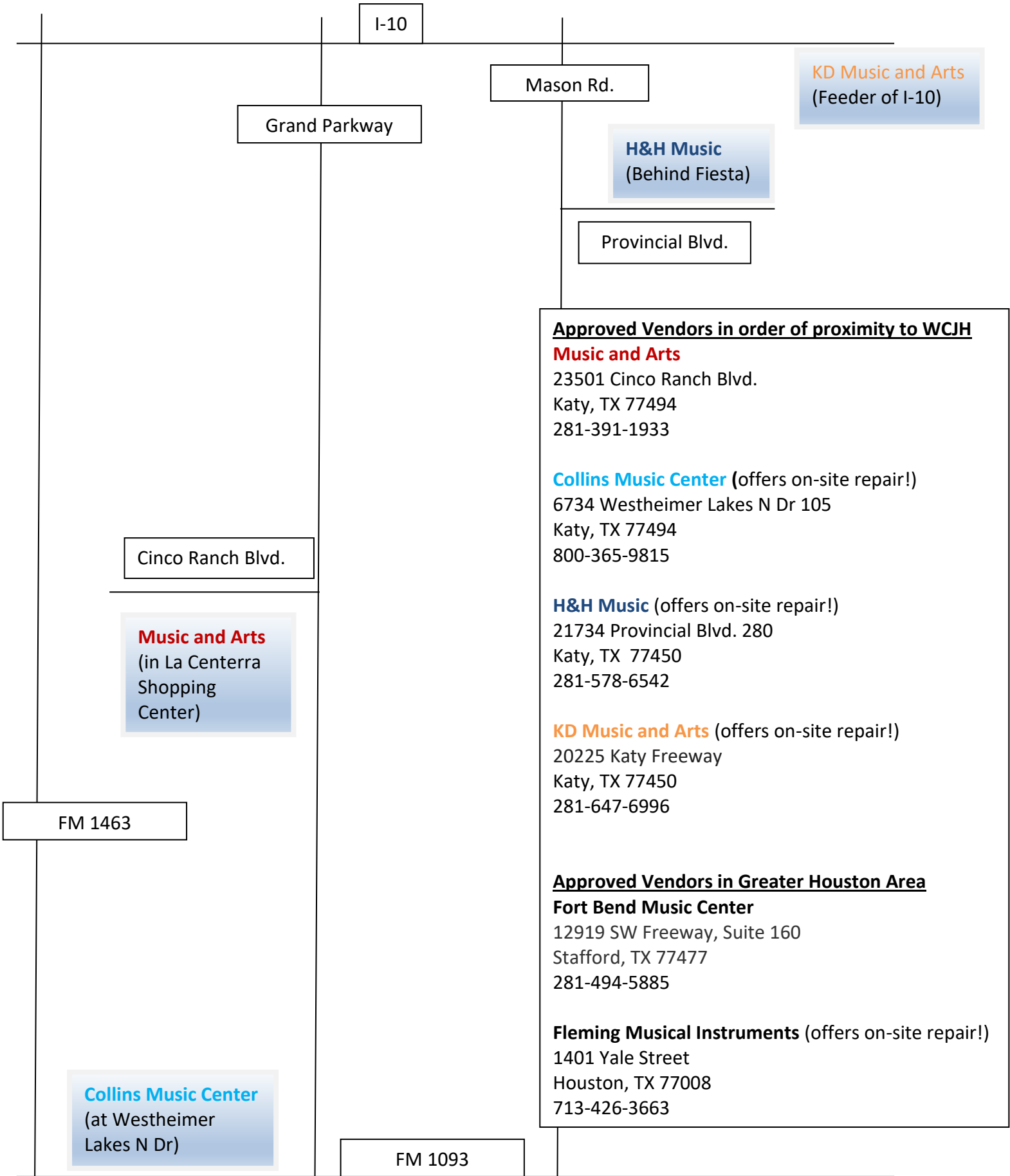
### Stick Bag, Sticks, and Mallets

- Vic Firth EP2 Intermediate Education Pack OR Salyers Intermediate Student Pack

### Additional Supplies

- Korg TM-60 Metronome/Tuner
- Folding wire music stand

# Instrumental Music Stores: Greater Katy



**KD Music and Arts**  
(Feeder of I-10)

**H&H Music**  
(Behind Fiesta)

Provincial Blvd.

Cinco Ranch Blvd.

**Music and Arts**  
(in La Centerra Shopping Center)

FM 1463

**Collins Music Center**  
(at Westheimer Lakes N Dr)

FM 1093

- Approved Vendors in order of proximity to WCJH**
- Music and Arts**  
23501 Cinco Ranch Blvd.  
Katy, TX 77494  
281-391-1933
- Collins Music Center** (offers on-site repair!)  
6734 Westheimer Lakes N Dr 105  
Katy, TX 77494  
800-365-9815
- H&H Music** (offers on-site repair!)  
21734 Provincial Blvd. 280  
Katy, TX 77450  
281-578-6542
- KD Music and Arts** (offers on-site repair!)  
20225 Katy Freeway  
Katy, TX 77450  
281-647-6996
- Approved Vendors in Greater Houston Area**
- Fort Bend Music Center**  
12919 SW Freeway, Suite 160  
Stafford, TX 77477  
281-494-5885
- Fleming Musical Instruments** (offers on-site repair!)  
1401 Yale Street  
Houston, TX 77008  
713-426-3663

# WCJH Band Financial Planning

Congratulations! Your child is embarking on an exciting and incredibly rewarding journey in band. We are thrilled to welcome you and your student to our band family! The virtues of responsibility, discipline, teamwork, and camaraderie, which your child will learn because of involvement in instrumental music, will always outweigh the material cost. The purpose of this sheet is to inform you of roughly what you can expect to pay for your child's first year of band and beyond.

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## ALL STUDENTS

- Required program cost: \$50
    - Includes supplies such as program t-shirts, binders, sheet music, etc.
  - Optional items/fees: \$5-\$30 each
    - Includes extra t-shirts, hoodies, car decals, yard signs, booster membership
  - Optional trips
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring trip: \$30-\$40
    - 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring trip: \$100-\$150
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## INSTRUMENT RENTAL/FINANCING AND MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES

- Local Music Store Rent-to-own: Costs vary (monthly payments)
    - Includes **flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone**
  - Katy ISD Rental: \$100 per school year
    - Includes **oboe, bassoon, horn, euphonium, and tuba**
    - **Percussionists** will pay this fee in 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade, but not in 6<sup>th</sup> grade (see below)
  - Instrument Maintenance Supplies: Costs vary, \$75-\$200 (one-time purchase)
    - Includes necessary supplies to clean and maintain all instruments
  - Recurring reed costs (oboe, bassoon, clarinet, saxophone)
    - Reeds must be routinely changed on these instruments to ensure good tone quality, expect to spend around \$100 (\$200 for oboe/bassoon) a year if your child takes good care of their reeds
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## PERCUSSION COSTS

Having a young percussionist in your family requires a larger financial commitment since they learn to play an entire family of instruments instead of just one. An outline of expected costs is below.

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Supplies (one-time purchase)
    - Practice marimba (for at-home practice): \$1,200 minimum (financing options available)
    - Sticks, mallets, other supplies: \$250
  - After 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, additional costs can vary but rarely exceed \$100 annually (in addition to school rental fees).
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## PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are optional, but highly recommended and are offered from Katy ISD for all instruments. Our staff has been background-checked and vetted; we have the best teachers for each instrument available on our campus. Private lessons are offered weekly and the cost ranges from \$18.50 to \$24.50 per lesson. Private lessons offer your musician the opportunity for personal one-on-one instruction that can't be provided in a classroom setting. Even first year students benefit from private lessons after the beginning of the school year.

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## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

It is our sincere hope that money does not prevent a student from participating in band. As such, in the event of financial need, please contact the band directors to learn what kind of assistance may be available.

# Brands and Vendors to

# **AVOID**

- **Anything from Amazon**

- False advertisement is rampant, even for accessories.
- **BEWARE** of the common advertising phrase: “Band Director Approved”. Stick to the recommended brands on the supply sheet!

- **Mendini/Kaizer/Glory/etc.**

- These brands and others like them are made of **EXTREMELY** cheap materials which tend to break within days or weeks of purchase. This causes undue stress and frustration for the student.
- Local instrument repair shops will not work on them due to their low quality and lack of compatible parts.

- **Craigslist/eBay/etc.**

- Buying an instrument without playing it is like buying a car without driving it: **VERY** risky.
- If you have a background in instrumental music and feel comfortable with the risks, please use caution when purchasing an instrument privately. We’d be glad to look at a listing with you and make recommendations if you find something listed locally.