

From: Kristell Nelson, Parker Elementary  
To: Band Parents  
Re: Purchasing Instruments  
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There are many reputable companies to use when purchasing a new or gently used instrument. This is a list of companies that I have used and highly recommend for these reasons – 1) Competitive pricing 2) large selection 3) excellent customer service.

Duet with Music, owner Eric Schmidt  
5500 Buckeystown Pike # 690  
Frederick, MD 21703  
(301) 695-3838

Washington Music Center, my contact has been Judy Drengwitz  
11151 Veirs Mill Rd  
Wheaton, MD 20902  
(301) 946-8808

Interstate Music Supply, I purchased my personal professional clarinet from them 14 years ago  
[www.interstatemusic.com](http://www.interstatemusic.com)  
Interstate Music  
A Division of Cascio Music Company  
13819 W. National Ave  
New Berlin, WI 53151  
1-800-462-2263

Muncy Winds  
[www.muncywinds.com](http://www.muncywinds.com)  
1-800-633-6415

Music & Arts, National Chain with a good reputation, but sometimes higher prices  
8600 Jameel Rd Ste 100  
Houston, TX 77040  
(713) 996-7993  
[www.musicarts.com](http://www.musicarts.com)

From: Kristell Nelson, Parker Elementary  
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Re: Recommended Instruments

### **Flute Brands**

Gemeinhardt  
Yamaha  
Miramatsu  
Pearl  
Emerson

### **Clarinet Brands**

Selmer (CL 301 has a composite body, CL 201 is made of grenadilla wood)  
Selmer Paris  
Buffet (E-11, R-13, Prestige)  
Yamaha (YCL 250, YCL 450N)

### **Saxophone Brands**

Selmer  
Selmer Paris  
Yamaha  
Some Bundy brands  
Yanagisawa

### **Trumpet Brands**

Selmer  
Bach  
Yamaha  
Holton

### **Trombone Brands**

King  
Jupiter  
Yamaha  
Conn  
Yamaha