

# Recommended Equipment for District 112 Band

An appropriate, good quality instrument is *essential* to participate in the District 112 music program. Inferior instruments are more difficult to play, often need expensive and time consuming repairs, do not blend well with the other instruments and usually are incapable of tuning appropriately.

If you decide to find an instrument on your own, please consider the following:

## Buyer Beware

As with any other major purchase, a good rule of thumb is that *if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is*. Buying an instrument is like buying a car - you should always be able to test drive it. If the person selling it to you does not let you play it first, then he or she is probably trying to hide something from you. Likewise, if they pressure you to buy it before you can consult with your teacher, they are probably trying to hide something from you.

## Instruments We Can Recommend

If you are not satisfied with the recommended program, or if you are planning to purchase an upgraded instrument, here is a list of reputable manufacturers:

- Bach (brass - highly recommended)
- Yamaha (brass & woodwind - highly recommended)
- Selmer (brass & woodwind)
- Getzen (brass)
- Holton (brass)
- Gemeinhardt (flutes)
- Emerson (flutes)
- Leblanc (clarinets)
- Buffet (clarinets - highly recommended)

**Just to be safe, please CHECK WITH MR. CANEL, MS. MCDOUGALL OR YOUR PRIVATE LESSON TEACHER before you pay any money for an instrument.**