

Band Instrument Characteristics

Characteristics	FLUTE (10-12)	OBOE (4-5)	CLARINET (15-20)	BASSOON (1)	SAX (6-9)
Student traits needed for success	small aperture	lips must touch when mouth is closed gentle embouchure	ability to flatten chin	long fingers coordination dexterity focus/concentration	gentle embouchure strong work ethic
Student traits that hinder success	'cupid's bow' in lips	short upper lip	cannot close lips around mouthpiece		underbite
Academic rigor of instrument	moderate	high	moderate	very high	high
Need for private study	moderate	high	moderate	very high	high
Instrument cost	low	low	low	very high	moderate
On-going instrument maintenance	moderate	high	moderate	very high	moderate
Preparatory experiences	any	piano is helpful any	any	piano is helpful success on another band instr. instructor approval	piano is helpful

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Characteristics	CORNET (12-20)	HORN (4-6)	TROMBONE (8-12)	BARITONE (5)	TUBA (3)	PERCUSSION (5-8)
Student traits needed for success	firm corners small aperture	small aperture concentration/focus firm corners	strong work ethic	open aperture	independence strong air capacity	coordination keyboard experience concentration/focus independence
Student traits that hinder student success	large overbite large underbite	large overbite large underbite				cannot read music
Academic rigor of instrument	moderate	very high	moderately to high	moderate	high	very high
Need for private study	moderate	high	moderate to high	moderate	high	high
Instrument cost	low	high	low	moderate	high school instruments are available	high
On-going instrument maintenance	low	low	low	low	low	moderate
Preparatory experiences	any	piano is helpful choir is helpful	any	any	any	2 years formal piano training